

# Muscogee Nation News

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## Mobile Health Clinic Services Started

The Creek Nation Mobile Health Clinic started operations Monday, April 10, with the first scheduled location in Okmulgee at the Tribal Complex, announced Mark Downing, supervisor of Community Health Services.

The first two weeks of service will include screening for hypertension and diabetes. This will also be an excellent opportunity for patients to fill out

initial information charts for future use.

Clinic hours will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The following locations have tentatively been set for service areas: Monday, Okmulgee; Tuesday, Yeager; Wednesday, Weleetka; Thursday, Ryal and Friday, Twin Hills. For more information about the mobile clinic see the March issue of the Muscogee Nation News.

## Creek Nation Plans Six Field Offices

Plans are in process now by Creek Nation Tribal Officials to further expand services to Indian people living within Creek Nation by establishing field offices in the following cities and towns: Muskogee, Tulsa, Eufaula, Sapulpa, Yeager and Okemah, with two additional sites to be named later.

Creek Nation boundaries include a ten county area, north from Tulsa to the South Canadian River; east from Muskogee to the western line of Creek and Okfuskee Counties taking in a portion of Seminole County.

Eventho Creek Nation now has various facilities in these locations, formal offices will provide full service on a regular basis to these heavily Indian populated areas.

Chief Claude Cox said, "Field

offices will give us a better understanding of the needs of our people and in return they can gain more knowledge of the services we have to offer through the divisions of Tribal Affairs, Community Service and Human Development."

In the Okemah Field Office, Dr. Yale Parkhurst, Creek Nation medical doctor, will operate the medical office, offering health outreach and health education to the Creek people.

Education is also high priority with tribal officials. Each Field Office will be prepared to offer classes designed to enhance the education level of Indian people. Future plans of Creek Nation also includes an overall educational system from pre-school through college level. Further operational details will be available upon scheduled openings of the offices.



HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS (left) Wanda Froman, executive secretary; Ron Froman, executive director; Bob Jackson, member; and Jonas Dunson, member, looking over potential housing plans for future construction.

## Housing Authority To Build 75 Units In Holdenville Area

Creek Nation Housing authority is currently accepting bids and proposals for construction of 75 mutual help homes to be built within Hughes county, announced Creek Principal Chief Claude Cox.

"Adequate housing has always been a probelm for Indian people in our area. The construction of these units should partially alleviate this condition," stated Chief Cox.

"We are constantly striving toward a better quality in construction of these mutual help homes. We also try to keep family needs in mind during the designing stage. It is our goal to provide as many Indian families with adequate housing as we possibly can," Chief Cox added.

According to Housing Authority Deputy Director, Louis Fish, 50 units will be built

in the Holdenville area, 15 in Wetumka and 10 in Dustin. anyone wishing to make application for a home should be of Indian descent. Income and need will also be priority in determining approval of applications. For more information contact Creek Nation Housing Authority in Okmulgee, P.O. Box 297 or telephone 756-8504.

## Youth Employment & Sports Clinic Scheduled

Four employment programs for Indian youth, 14 - 21, are currently underway through Creek Nation Manpower Program. Applications may be obtained at any one of the Manpower offices located in Okmulgee, Tulsa, Sapulpa and Eufaula.

The programs are funded through the Department of Labor. Applicants must meet the D.O.L. guidelines before being considered for employment. The guidelines are: 1) Must be 1/4 or more Indian, 2) Must be between the ages of 14

thru 21 and 3) Must be economically disadvantaged.

Two hundred positions are now available with the "Summer Youth Employment Program" and 195 more with a "Special Summer Youth Program," which will start at different times in different areas depending upon the closing of school for summer vacation.

Another program Manpower is offering is "Youth After School Employment", in which youth can work two to four hours each day after regular school

hours.

A "Youth Employment and Training Program" is available to provide public service project labor for Creek Nation organized communities. Manpower provides materials and equipment for community projects such as: home repairs, weatherization for homes and gardening services. In order to receive these services through the program, applicants must contact their community coordinator and fill out a project form. In doing so, they will be supplying the youth with ad-

ditional work.

A "Youth Community Conservation Improvement Program" has been allocated through Manpower, Creek Nation Tribal Affairs. Youth are being selected now to work with this division clearing land, building fence, etc. on tribal property.

In June, 400 youths working on any of these programs will be eligible to attend a sports clinic sponsored by Creek Nation Manpower at Eufaula High School. A special clinic will be

presented each week for five consecutive weeks. If participants are working, they will be able to take leave to attend one of the clinics.

Transportation to and from the clinic must be provided by the applicant; however, they will be reimbursed for the expense. Activities will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and a hot lunch will be served.

For additional information on any of the employment programs, contact Buddy York, 756-6181.



# Creek Nation Forum

## BIA Boarding Schools Inefficiently Operated

The White House News Summary for March 14 carried the following summary of a story from the Daily Oklahoman. "The Indian boarding schools managed by BIA are underutilized and inefficiently operated and often serve ineligible students, according to a GAO report. The report recommended consolidating some of the BIA schools to curb abuses. At one Oklahoma school in Chilocco, Okla., investigators uncovered

thousands of dollars in questionable expenses. The Institute of the Southern Plains Indian School in Hammon, Okla., is broke-and the BIA owes the school \$46,000 in back salaries and school supply funds, according to the school's director. The school last received funds from the BIA on Jan. 1, director Joe Osage said. The BIA won't say why it is behind in its payments, he added. BIA spokesmen were unavailable for comment."

## State Loses Sovereignty Over Western Okla. Tribes

A critical law enforcement problem exists in Indian country in western Oklahoma. According to the state Indian Affairs Commission court rulings have determined that Oklahoma has no sovereignty over approximately 1.5 million acres of land controlled by tribal trusts. Because Oklahoma laws do not apply in those areas, local law enforcement agencies are reluctant to extend protection to the Indians living within them, said Bob Gann, director of the Commission. Gann said tribal governments are just beginning to apply for the Federal funds necessary to begin the transition over to self-government in the areas in question. For years,

Gann said, the tribes did not question the power of the state to extend its sovereignty over Indian land.

## Choctaw Election Set For April 15

According to Choctaw Election Committee chairman, Eric Bohannon, two candidates will vie for the office of Choctaw Chief in a run-off election to be held April 15.

The candidates are Charles E. Brown of Oklahoma City, who drew in 647 votes and Hollis Roberts of Hugo, with a total of 731 votes in the Primary Election held March 25.

## Creek Girls Urged To Enter Pageant

The Creek Princess Pageant will be held June 17, in the Civic Center at Henryetta. A "Get Acquainted Tea" for the Princess Contestants and Judges will be held Saturday, June 10 at 2 p.m. in the Council Room at the Tribal Complex in Okmulgee.

All girls who are interested in applications for the pageant should contact their community coordinators or Helen Bennett at the Tribal Complex. Deadline for entries will be 5 p.m., May 15.

Qualifications for entering are: 1) Participants must be  $\frac{1}{4}$  or more blood quantum or either Creek or Euchee decent. Proof of degree of Indian blood must be shown, 2) Must be a senior in high school thru a junior in college, 3) Must never have been married or have children, and 4) Must be sponsored by an organized community of the Creek Nation. Family tie-backs to a community will suffice. Contact that community coordinator for sponsorship. Communities will sponsor more than one contestant.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three finalists. Return entries to: Creek Princess Committee c/o Helen Bennett, P.O. Box 1114, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

## Rodeo Finalizes Plans

The Creek Nation Rodeo Association has announced the dates, June 23-24, for the fourth annual All-Indian Rodeo which will be held at the Okmulgee County Round-Up Club Arena. Plans are underway to make this a multi-sanctioned rodeo, coinciding with the All-Indian Rodeo Association of Oklahoma. There will be a parade June 24th in downtown Okmulgee.

Anyone interested in competing in the Creek Nation Rodeo Queen Contest should contact Joyce Bowdler at 756-6181 or Lou Wells at 267-4221. To be eligible you must be at least  $\frac{1}{4}$  Creek Indian, between the ages of 16-25, and reside within the Creek Nation boundaries. Contestants will be judged on the amount of money raised, horsemanship, personality, and western appearance.



## NOTICE

A dedication ceremony has been scheduled for Creek Nation Community Hospital Saturday, May 13 at 3 p.m. Senator Henry Bellmon will be guest of honor. The Senator has been very helpful in helping Creek Nation obtain the hospital.



MEET GLENDA WILSON, front desk receptionist at Creek Tribal Complex. It is Glenda's responsibility to manage all telephone communication at the complex.

# ALIENS... GO HOME

## HOW THEY BROKE THE TREATIES

While UFOs had been making sporadic visits for decades, it was not until a wintry December day in 1980 that the first alien spacemen landed in southern Massachusetts to establish a permanent colony.

They were grim-looking, colorless, vaguely humanoid creatures. While their ability to communicate with us was somewhat limited, they made it clear they had come in peace.

They said they had "discovered" what they referred to as the "New World" several hundred years previously, but had been discouraged by the environment, which they would wildly inhospitable to their form of life. Now, however, they were being persecuted by someone or something on their home planet and had thus determined to cross the incomprehensibly vast distances of interstellar space to build a new society.

They asked only a few hundred acres of land, vowing to live quietly and harmoniously among us as brothers.

Initially, public opinion was divided. Some of us wanted to drive these aliens off with threats of force. But cooler heads prevailed. First of all, it was argued, these aliens had come in peace. And, secondly, they were armed with strange weapons that were far beyond our comparatively rudimentary technology.

So we sent our best agronomists and environmental designers to teach them how to grow food and build shelters from the indigenous materials. As a result, they enjoyed a bountiful harvest and, to express their gratitude, invited our leaders to dinner.

The sumptuous feast was held on the fourth Thursday of November (no one knows why). President Carter brought a dozen turkeys, a score of mince pies and all the yams with marshmallow bits a creature could ask for. Amid pledges of eternal friendship, a grand time was had by all.

Due to an attack of either indigestion or acute perfidity, the alien leader arose after coffee and informed Mr. Carter that, owing to the arrival of another 50 UFOs, the aliens would require a bit more territory—namely upstate New York, Eastern Ohio and Rockaway Beach. The result was the first Alien War.

While we were far superior in numbers and courage, we were no match for their weaponry. After a dozen bloody battles we were forced to surrender the Atlantic Seaboard in return for their promise of a lasting peace.

But the aliens spoke with forked tongues. They broke every single treaty they ever signed with us. Gradually they drove us westward, ever westward. Gradually, they corrupted the morals of our youth with their alien ways. Gradually, they supplanted our native languages, arts and lore with their alien culture. Gradually, their ugly, incomprehensible alien structures destroyed the very face of our native land.

I am writing this in my little one-room shack on the Mojave Desert American Reservation 65 miles north of Barstow.

We Americans manage to make ends meet by performing some of our native dances such as The Big Apple and The Hully Gully for the amusement of passing tourists. And occasionally they'll buy one of our native artifacts, such as pocket calculator or an electric pepper mill, at our trading post.

Oddly, enough, there's a fellow named Joe Bearclaw up the dirt road from me who seems almost to enjoy the bitter plight we are in. I asked him directly the other day what provided him with so much pleasure.

"I am simply delighted," he said, "to see that you have at least learned the greatest lesson in all of American history."

"What's that, Joe?" I inquired.

"Never, ever" he said solemnly "accept a Thanksgiving dinner invitation from a bunch of strangers."

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## Abourezk Asks Resignation Of BIA Director Gerard

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Senator James Abourezk (D-S.D.), Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs, has called for the resignation of BIA director Forrest Gerard. Abourezk's request culminated a series of exchanges in which Abourezk has been increasingly critical of Gerard for what he views as Gerard's "deliberate delay of vital BIA reorganization in direct contradiction of promises made to the Senate during his confirmation hearings."

Abourezk said Gerard's actions to date remind him of a funeral service for Indian self-determination and said, in a letter to Secretary Andrus, "I would suggest, Mr. Secretary, that we emulate the Egyptian Pharaohs and put all those promises Mr. Gerard gave under oath at his confirmation hearings into the same tomb with Indian self-determination."

Abourezk was also sharply critical of Gerard for his mishandling of a situation in the Albuquerque BIA office which resulted in the takeover of that office by aggrieved governors and representatives of the All Indian Pueblo Council last week. Abourezk said Gerard ap-

pointed Sidney Mills, a Sioux Indian, to the Albuquerque BIA Area Directorship despite the support of 21 of the 23 affected Pueblo tribes for a Pueblo candidate, Roland Johnson. Abourezk questioned how this action squared with promises made by Andrus himself, and by Gerard, to "do what the Indians want," and to "support Indian self-determination." Abourezk called Gerard's claim that the Pueblo favorite Johnson would have a conflict of interest in administering the office because he is a Pueblo "ridiculous." "To follow this reasoning to a logical conclusion, would Mr. Gerard's appointment as Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs be a conflict because, in the past, he has alleged that he is an Indian?" Abourezk asked Andrus.

Abourezk said Andrus has rejected his request that Gerard be asked to resign. "I respect Secretary Andrus, but I have felt compelled to write him again on this matter in hopes he will recognize the conflict between the actions of his appointee Mr. Gerard and his own personally stated commitment that government should try to find out what the Indian people want and then act accordingly."

The Longest Walk, which began on Feb. 11, 1978 with the peace pipe ceremonies on Alcatraz Island, was characterized as a "spiritual walk and an historical walk" and not a "protest march" by speakers at a rally held recently on the California State Capitol Mall in Sacramento.

"It is a walk for educational awareness to the American and world communities about the concerns of the American Indian people," said speaker Dennis Banks, who went on to explain that "This walk has been initiated due to all the Indian long walks in past history, past and present injustices, and the more recent surge of anti-Indian legislation which is being introduced into the House and Senate of the U.S. Congress."

Max Bear, the walk leader, added that "one of these bills, H.R. 9054 by Cunningham (Wash.), would terminate us as Indians altogether in one clean sweep. The others rip us apart piece by piece, acre by acre and rights by rights."

Among the speakers at the rally were Buffy Sainte Marie and Lt. Governor Mervyn Dymally.

After the ceremonies on the California Capitol Mall, the

walkers set out across the Sierra Nevadas and Donner Pass toward Nevada.

Reports recently received from the walkers state that despite hardships of below-freezing temperatures and lost of snow and ice that morale is, in the words of one walker, "higher than the snow on the highest mountain."

Most recent news is that the walk is progressing very fast and may well pass the world "speed walking" record. Walkers are now in South Utah and expect to reach Washington D.C. in the late spring.

With the exception of Utah, permission for the caravan to walk across each state has been given without delay. Utah State officials, however, did not notify walkers that they would be permitted to cross Utah until the walkers actually approached the Utah state line.

A number of new walkers are expected to join the "Longest Walk" including a group of Navajo people from Window Rock, Shiprock and Farmington. A group of Chippewa people from Minnesota and Wisconsin plan to start their own walk and join with the "Longest Walk" in Kansas City or St. Louis. A number of movie and

TV stars say they will support the walk by sending needed materials and hope to walk themselves after their season commitments are completed according to word received at the walk.

The walk will cross country using first U.S. 50 and then U.S. 70.

Radio station KMET in Los Angeles has been presenting an update of news each evening on the "Longest Walk" and "Our Native Land" radio station in Canada, broadcasts on the walk every Friday evening.

It was also announced that European coverage of the walk will begin in a month with the arrival of a news team from West German National Television, who will accompany the walkers.

Information on newcasts in other areas can be obtained by writing The Longest Walk, D.Q. University, P.O. Box 409, Davis, Calif. 95616.

When asked what people who can't join the walk could do to show moral support, the walkers replied that anyone who wants to help can do so by writing their Senators and Representatives in Washington to express concern over pending anti-Indian legislation.

## Solomon McCombs; Creek Vice-Chief

BY HELEN BENNETT

Being Vice-Chief of Creek Nation is but one of many ways that Solomon McCombs serves not only the Muskogee Creek Tribe, but all American Indians.

That position in itself is of great importance to the welfare

of Creek Nation. A resolution (76-13) passed by the Creek National Council of which McCombs was currently a member appointed him to the post of Vice-Chief. The National Council, which is the legislative branch of Creek Nation, consists of 22 members. McCombs is

Speaker of the House for the Council, presiding over the quarterly convened sessions and any special sessions that may be called.

McCombs has made his home in Tulsa, after 30 years employment with the U.S. Government, 24 of which were in Washington, D.C. He retired in 1973 as a Foreign Service Reserve Officer. His previous experience in design and drafting secured him this rewarding employment. Through those previous employments with the Corps of Engineers and several air base stations, he has contributed to the designs of huge dams in Nebraska to air strips in New Mexico.

To some, these accomplishments would be rewarding enough in themselves; but to Solomon McCombs, depicting his beloved Indian Culture and heritage on canvas gives him his greatest sense of achievement.

Solomon McCombs is ¾ Creek. He was born in Eufaula, Creek Nation in 1913, one of seven children to James and Ella McIntosh McCombs and raised in Creek tradition. McCombs father was pastor of Tuskegee Indian Church for 30 years. Many people have asked Solomon what the Creek name "Solomon" means in English; actually the name is Biblical and used frequently by Creek people. The first four McCombs children were named: David, Solomon, James, Martha and Thomas.

Growing up on a farm and attending nearby Oak Grove school, Solomon discovered his interest in art. He would always draw his favorite subjects, animals. Telling of his first exposure to "Indian Art", he will half jokingly tell you it was his "Big Chief" tablet. He liked to reproduce the feathers on "Big Chiefs" warbonnet.

After the death of his father, under the influence of relatives, Solomon attended school at Bacone in Muskogee. There he became aware of other Indian tribal customs and cultures. Before, all he knew was Creek.

Solomon's grandfather, William, better known as "Uncle Billy" was the founder of the William McCombs Art Gallery at Bacone. "Uncle Billy" was a member of the Creek National Council in 1880. Through his persuasion he influenced Creek Nation to donate 160 acres for the Bacone College site. In doing so, this enabled Solomon a means to study art under a different aspect, learning balance and lighting.

He attributes the beginning of the Indian art movement to his first instructor, Princess Altola. In 1935, when Acee Blue Eagle organized the Bacone Art Department, Solomon studied under him. At that time, and later, many now famous Indian artists such as: Richard West, Fred Beaver, David Williams, Joan Hill, Kelly Haney, Virginia Stroud and many more, at some time in their art training studied thorough this department.

Solomon became nationally known as an Indian artist. While working in Washington many of his friends would call or come to see him. Some of his callers would be Oklahomans, whom he did not even know. They would just call to say "hello" while they were in Washington. His reputation of talent and intelligence gave him the honor of being the first Indian Artist Overseas Goodwill Ambassador. His tour started in the Middle East. On one occasion, in a news release, he was introduced as a member of the "Greek" tribe. From then on, he would tell them he was Muskogee.

Permanent collections of Solomon McCombs works are in such places as Santa Fe, Denver, Philbrook and Gilcrease. He has paintings hanging in the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office in Washington, D.C. and in the American Indian National Bank of which Solomon is a life-time member of the Board of Directors. He also designed the famous logo for the Bank.

Solomon is currently writing a history of the Bacone Art Department for a book soon to be published commemorating Bacone for 100 years of establishment in 1980. He also is serving on the Centennial committee for that event.

Solomon attributes his ability to visualize along with his practical experience and most of all "luck" to his successful career. He is very deeply interested in the future of the Creek Tribe.





## Fund Raising Activities Planned By Committee

The Creek Nation Festival Committee has been working hard to raise money to cover the 1978 Festival expenses.

On March 31, Yeager, Nuyaka, Okmulgee and Weleetka Communities raised \$208 during a food sale at the Complex.

Another Festival fundraising food sale will be held at the Complex April 14. The contributing communities will be Dewar, Morris, Glenpool and Okemah.

A food sale and bingo is being planned for 6 p.m., Thursday, April 27 at Beggs. This food sale is for all the communities and everyone is encourage to participate.

## Seminars Held For Creek Citizens

Two seminars were held during March for Creek citizens interested in increasing personal knowledge of past events and current happenings of Creek Nation.

A conference on Indian Water rights was conducted by Richard Anderson, Creek Nation Historian, March 2 and 3 at the Complex in Okmulgee. The guest speaker was William Veeder, currently a staff attorney for the U.S. Department of Interior. Veeder, who focused on the Arkansas Riverbed Research, spoke to the Creek Nation staff March 2 and again March 3 to an open meeting for community members and other interested persons. The purpose of the conference was to encourage individuals to inquire about Creek water rights.

Professor Arrell Gibson from the University of Oklahoma History Department, was contracted to hold a seminar March 31 for interested persons in Creek Nation to review and discuss tribal constitutional development from 1500 to 1900 and relate those developmental effects on current tribal status.

Saturday, May 20, an all day food sale and bingo with tournaments for volleyball, horseshoes and softball is being sponsored by the Festival Committee. The food sale will begin at 11 a.m. and the activities will continue throughout the day.

The Committee would appreciate your attendance at all of these events. The proceeds are going towards making the 1978 Festival the best ever!

## Hitchita Tourney Planned April 17-22

The Creek Nation Athletic Association will sponsor the third basketball tournament of the season at the Hitchita gym, April 17-22.

The tournament is for mens and womens independent community teams. A \$25 entry fee is required from each community entering teams. The money will be used to pay for the trophies.

The deadline for entering the tournament is April 10. For additional information, contact Wallace Barnes (918) 733-4703, chairman of the Athletic Association.

The Association has enjoyed a successful existence already this year and is anticipating a summer of increasing community involvement. Oddly enough, the Athletic Association was not originally planned to be comprised of mens and womens independent teams.

Last December, several community members decided to begin a basketball league for their students. But, finding the Secondary School Association laws conflicted with their plans, the committee formed the Creek Nation Athletic Association involving independent adult teams and tournaments. Officers were immediately elected and the Association has been growing with each tournament.

## Creeks Take Top Honors At Exhibition

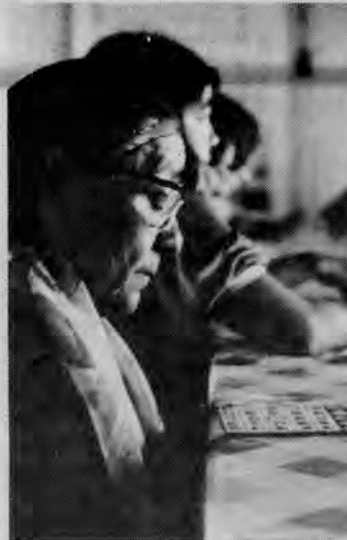
The First Annual Judged Exhibition and Sale of Silver, Beadwork, Pottery and Basketry was held in Muskogee last month, beginning March 15. The Exhibition was sponsored by the Five Civilized Tribes Museum.

Open only to individuals 16 years of age and older of Creek, Chickasaw, Cherokee, Choctaw and Seminole descent, the crafts competition had a total of 25 entries.

Several Creeks won honors in the competition. In the beadwork division, Glenda Scott, Dewar, won first place with "Roach"; Buddy Scott, Dewar, placed second with "Beaded Pipe"; Third, "Bolo Tie" by Jim Wildcat, Tulsa; and honorable mention went to "Bolo Tie" by Lincinda Tiger, Muskogee.

Glenda Scott placed third in the pottery division with "Owl Effigy Pipe".

The Best in Show Award was won by Glenda Scott with her entry "Bolo Tie." Glenda, formerly an arts and crafts instructor for Creek Nation's Division of Human Development, is currently a Health Field Representative for Creek Nation. She is an active member of Dewar Community.



## Community News

### EUCHEE...

BY DAISY HARRIS

Euchee Community held their regularly scheduled meeting in Kellyville for the transaction of business. The meeting was opened by Chairman Newman Littlebear and the following officers were elected: Chairman, Newman Littlebear; Vice Chairman, Dimmie Washburn; Secretary, Ruby Mae Littlebear; Reporter, Daisy Harris and Planning Committee; Sallie Dennison, Martha Watashe and Jencie Felix.

A program was outlined for the coming year and each officer's duties were clearly defined.

Those attending were: Wilma Dunn, Bill Harris, George Watashe, Delbert Dunn, Roman Watashe, Ralph Dunn, Grace Watashe, Ruth Traynor, Martha Dunn, Andrew Watashe and Wanney Cahwee.

Meetings are held the first Monday of each month.

Wilma Dunn is in charge of the Kellyville Euchee Community Sewing Class, which meets Tuesday and Thursday in their Community Building.

Members made known their choices of color, and materials were selected by a committee composed of Wilma Dunn, Ruth Traynor, Lola Hardridge, Joyce Johnson and Beatrice Buckley.

This Class is under Title IV, Adult Education, and students will be making garments styled in traditional Indian dress. The ladies are making dresses and the men will be making ribbon shirts.

A great deal of interest has been expressed in this project, which was made possible by the Creek Nation.

The following members are enrolled in this class:

Valetta Anderson, Victor R. Anderson, Beverly Baker.

And Hattie Barnett, Jean Brown, Louis Brown, Shirley Brown.

Also, Beatrice Buckley, Martha Jo Burris, Wanney Cahwee, David Dennison, Sally Dennison, Martha Dunn, Annie Hardridge, Lola Hardridge, Linda Harjo, Thomas Harjo, Bill Harris, Daisy Harris, Albert Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Paul Ones, Dorothy Lee, Newman Littlebear.

And Ruby Littlebear, Louie Longhorn, Margaret Longhorn, Albert Rolland, Nancy Rolland, Debb Toppah, Dimmie Washburn, Edith Watashe, George Watashe, Grace Watashe, James Watashe, Mary Watashe.

### Manpower Opens New Field Office

The Creek Nation Manpower Office in Sapulpa is now open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The office is located in the clinic bldg. For employment information in that area contact Lou Cloud, job developer or Barbara Wilson, counselor, at 224-0581.

### YEAGER...

BY DENISE BUCK

The Yeager Community had a busy month of fund-raising and social activities.

On March 3, a Bingo was held at the Community Center. A volleyball tournament was sponsored March 10-12 with several communities participating. The Women's Club was active during March and met on the 2, 9, 16, and 30 of the month. Chief Cox and part of his personal staff visited the regular monthly community meeting on March 14.

The women's club and GED class visited the Muskogee Museum during the field trip March 15. An Easter egg hunt was held March 23 with 70 persons attending. Bingo was again sponsored on the 25th in an effort to raise money for sports equipment and gas expenses.

The regular monthly community meeting will be held April 11. Another fund-raising Bingo is planned for April 25.

### MORRIS...

by Doris Roanhorse

Permanent officers for the Morris Indian Community were elected at the March 6 monthly meeting. They are: Chairman-Glenn Moore; ViceChairman-Oscar Beaver; Secretary-Doris Roanhorse; Treasurer-Henry Tarpalechee; Sargeant At Arms-Glen Jones.

The March 3 Bingo at the Morris Lions Club raised \$215 and drew a crowd of 75 persons.

On March 19, the Morris Indian Community held their first Easter egg hunt at the home of Joe Factor. The festivity was attended by 100 community members and several visitors. In addition to the Easter Egg Hunt and dinner, the community members participated in volleyball games, sack races and a kite flying contest.

Michelle Wolf, James Holata, Gino Roanhorse, Darrell Tarpalechee and Roger Johnson were the winners of the Easter egg hunt. Winners of the kite flying contest were Roger Johnson and Wallace Barnes Junior.

### Yardeka Youths Win Honors

Yardeka Community students won several honors at the All-Indian Tournament, March 17-25, in Shawnee.

The teams won first place in the 12 and under girls division and second place in the boys division of the same age group. Yardeka also took first place in the 13 and 14 year old girls division. The teams were coached by David Lewis.



Sponsoring a dinner and bingo for the elderly members of the community has become a once a month practice of the Okmulgee community workers. Rebecca Autaubo is the community coordinator. The nine aides cook dinner and transport the older people to and from Newtown Methodist Church, where the activity is held. The last dinner, March 30, attracted 17 elderly. Bingo was held after dinner. Those winning prizes were Roosevelt Deerisaw, Coral Deerisaw and Walter Jones.





Prize Winning Photo "The Hunter"

## Creek Student Wins OU Photo Contest

Tony Hale, Okmulgee High School senior, placed first in the monthly photography contest sponsored by the Oklahoma Interscholastic Press Association on the OU campus. Tony is the 18 year-old son of Bernice and Brent Hale, Sr., Okmulgee.

Tony is a photographer for the journalism department supplying photos for both the Torchlight, school newspaper, and the Torchlight, school yearbook.

During the summer of 1977, Tony, along with two other OHS photographers, participated in a week long photography workshop on the OU campus, sponsored by the Future Journalists of America.

Mrs. Florence Hancock, journalism advisor, stated, "Tony has a special feel for the mood or emotional picture. There is a quiet dignity about all of Tony's work. It is a delight to work with such a sensitive student."

## Women's Team Competes

The Muscogee Nation Athletic Association, a non-profit organization, sponsored an all-Indian women's basketball team in the National All-Indian Women's Tournament held at Ft. Duschense, Utah, March 29-31.

For the fifth year, 20 teams from all over the U.S. competed for trophies and honors. The winners of this years tournament were: first place, Tuba City, Arizona; second, Colville, Washington, Confederated Tribes; third, Navaho Community College, Shiprock, New Mexico; fourth, Los Angeles Jax. The first place team annually receives a berth in the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Tournament which features the best amateur teams in the nation.

The U.S. and Canada are divided into eight regions for the All-Indian Women's Tournament with two or three teams representing each region. The Creek team presented region four, an area including Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas. The women playing for the Muscogee Nation Athletic Association team were, Imogene Drapeau, Karen Boyce, Carol Harjo, Verbena Deer, Verna Gibson and Lori Reed.

The Association extends special thanks to James Ryan,

Okmulgee attorney, Bill Torbett, owner of Torbett Printing Company, and Frank Beard and Red Coleman, County Commissioners for Okmulgee County. These men donated funds that helped make the trip to Utah possible.

## Wild Onions

by Maggie Culver Fry

*Along the ripples of a  
creek in spring,  
Before the leaves are  
big as squirrel's  
ears,  
Before the backward sun  
has warmed the  
ground,  
The blue-green blade  
appears.*

*They grow like silken  
grass in bottom  
ground,  
These succulent and  
tender plants,  
each spring,  
With fresh eggs  
blended...ah!  
The food of foods,  
A dish exciting...  
fit for chief  
or king.*

## TIWC Sponsors Benefit Luncheon

BY CLEMMIE DEGARIMORE

Linda Childers, Tulsa attorney, will speak on "Indian Law" at the noon luncheon meeting of The Tulsa Indian Women's Club Friday, April 14, in the private dining room at Southland Bordens.

Lelia Walker, president, will preside at the meeting and Nina Crete Shobe, Helen Slem, Jane Harnage, Lola Flournoy, and Lenna Henrix will be in charge of arrangements. And our own vivacious program chairman, Wanda Curtis, will formally introduce the popular speaker.

The club will sponsor a Benefit Bridge Luncheon Thursday, April 27, at 11 o'clock in the Club Room of the Lewiston Apartments, 5264 South Lewis. Reservations at \$3 each may be made by calling Hazel Powell (Finance) at 742-3652 or Clemmie DeGarimore (Publicity) at 627-3744. Proceeds from this Bridge-Luncheon will benefit the club Scholarship Fund as several scholarships are offered each year to outstanding Indian students.

## Creek Bowlers Win Honors

The Tulsa Tribune awarded the Bowler of the Week recently to Jimmie Moreno, a woman Creek bowler. Mrs. Moreno rolled an outstanding 657 scratch series in the Indian Nations Bowling League at Crystal Bowl. The award enables Mrs. Moreno to participate in the Bowler of the Year Tournament to be held after the bowling season is over.

It is a great honor to be awarded Bowler of the Week. The competition among women bowlers in Tulsa is very tough. Congratulations to Jimmie Moreno on a job well done.

Jim Harjo and Toske Willits won the Class A Tulsa City Bowling Championships held recently at Tiffany Bowl. The two Creek Indians held on to the lead for two weeks with a total of 1344 handicap total to capture the doubles event of the Tournament. Jim Harjo with a 180 average rolled a 598 scratch total and his partner Toske Willits with a 179 average rolled a 624 scratch series. These scores coupled with their handicap held on to win. Congratulations to these two fine Indian Bowlers.

Congratulations are also in order for Mary Moses and Genevieve White, both Creeks, who recently teamed together to win fifth place in the National Indian Bowling Tournament in Tulsa. Their score was 1231.

The tournament attracted Indian bowlers from California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.

Registered voters who do not have an ID card or have changed addresses please contact Kay Willie, Creek Nation, P.O. Box 1114, Okmulgee, OK 74447

# NOTICES

## Events

### Chilocco Reunion

The Annual Chilocco alumni and former employees Reunion is scheduled for June 16, 17 and 18 at Chilocco Indian School, The dormitory and dining facilities will be available free of charge on a first come-first serve basis.

For more information call Jim Baker at 405-448-3800 or write Genelle Myer, Box 31, Chilocco, Oklahoma 74635.

### Coweta Pow Wow

Coweta School Pow Wow will be held May 20 at the football field on Hwy. 51 (east of High School). Supper starts at 5 p.m. BYOD&C. Northeastern Gourd Clan, Tahlequah (Dave Williams) starts 6 p.m. War Dance, 8 p.m., HS, Kenneth Anquoe; HSD, Archie Mason; HFD, Del Ray Scott; HLD, TBA; MC, Gerald Webb; AD, Jess Kelley. No fee for arts and crafts space. Sponsored by Coweta Indian Education Program, Ken Childers

### Haskell Reunion

There will be a class reunion May 18th at the Haskell American Indian Jr. College Campus. This reunion will consist of Senior High, Senior Vocational and Senior Commercials that graduated that year. Accommodations will have to be made personally. Let us make this a successful 25th year reunion.

For more information write: Mrs. Martha Anderson Houle, 11415 W. 67th St., Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66203.

### Texas Golf

The Texas Fifth Annual All Indian Golf Tournament will be held May 13 and 14 at the Sevens Golf Course in Dallas, according to a news release from tournament director Joe C. Miller.

The tournament will include championship, A.B.C.D. and Junior flights and trophies gift certificates will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each flight.

Miller said there will also be a "longest drive" and "closest to pin" contest both days.

For more information, contact Joe C. Miller, 5646 Monticello, Dallas, Texas 75206 or call (214) 638-2867.

### Sac-Fox Golf

The annual Sac-Fox Indian Golf Tournament will be held June 3-4 at the Drumwright Golf Club, located one mile west of Drumwright on Highway 33. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies, plus cash awards in four flights: Championship, A,B, and C; also trophy and cash award for medalist. Shotgun start will be at 9 a.m. each day. Entry fee is \$20.00. For further information contact Robert L. Curtis, Tulsa-622-4490; Mike Kimmell, Drumwright 352-9424; or Sonny Abbot, Tulsa 743-0705. A hearty welcome is extended to all our friendly golfers.

## Help Wanted

The following positions are open for immediate hire with Creek Nation: HEALTH FIELD REPRESENTATIVE (HFR)-Home and Family Services-Individual to provide educational and resource information for health and assistance programs and to develop family health educational programs. Preferred degree in family health or related background.

MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST-To perform psychological services, testing, evaluation and counseling service source development. Preferred knowledge of Indian culture and background. Preferred masters degree.

PHARMACIST-Requires a Registered Pharmacist Certificate. Preferred in experience in hospital or clinic pharmacy.

LEGAL SECRETARY-Required minimum 60 wpm typing and 70 wpm shorthand. Preferred experience in maintaining a law office.

ART MEDICAL RECORDS LIBRARIAN-Requires certification as ART and experience preferred.

For more information, contact Sandra Rana, Personnel Officer, Creek Nation, P.O. Box 1114, Okmulgee, OK 74447 (918) 756-8500.

## Births

Mr. and Mrs. David Jacobs, Route 2, Henryetta, announced the April 2 birth of a daughter. The baby girl weighed 8 lbs. 8 ozs.

## Manpower Guest Of Lion's Club

The Henryetta Lion's Club invited three Creek Nation Manpower employees to be guest speakers at a March 28 luncheon. Approximately 35 club members attended.

Fredo Anderson, Nancy Frazier and Dean Pepper presented the components of the Indian Manpower program.

Anderson discussed the benefits of the overall Manpower program and how individuals and their communities could prosper from the employment of Indian people.

Ms. Frazier explained the On-the-Job Training program. She discussed the terms for contract negotiation, contractor eligibility requirements and training cost reimbursement procedures.

Pepper explained the client recruitment process and counseling aspects of the training program.

The Manpower Department appreciates the opportunity to present their program activities and objectives to interested civic groups and clubs.



## Part II

# Legend of the Trail of Tears

The worst part of the trip was a time when hundreds of men, women and old women and children disappeared in a huge mean-looking river which was swift, deep and muddy—the mighty Mississippi River. Rowboats were available from the army but there were not near enough. While they camped by the river the men were allowed to make rafts six to nine feet in length. Animal skins were used for tying the raft together. They were dangerous but a person could hold on to the log to keep from sinking. Some who were physically able swam across—other rafts capsized. Two men used feather mattresses for boats. The Big House fire was preserved and saved across the Mississippi River by three men. The three men held the container of hot coals with each hand and used only one hand to swim across the swift river. The coals were finally safely carried across to the other side. The fire was the redman's friend—significant of closeness, togetherness and cooked meals. Wild beasts feared fire so they stayed away from campfires.

To add to the misery of the trail, snow descended. It remained very cold and the trip became almost unbearable. One cold morning, they started to travel. The snow was coming down but Annakee did not cry. She noticed that grandmother was getting to thin and was getting sick. She never smiled anymore. All the army men rode horses and were in wagons. One soldier kept looking behind her. He got so close that she thought he was trying to run over her with the horse. So she looked behind her.

Her little moccasins were worn out and her little feet had been wrapped up with cloth. Suddenly each step she took left footprints of bright blood. She looked down to her feet. They did not hurt any more because her feet were numb. The soldier took by her little thin arm and put her in the saddle in front of him. His body was warm and she snuggled next to him and was soon fast asleep.

That night when they camped she had a chill and fever followed. She was aware that she would be left behind to die alone in this dense forest. She also remembered her grandmother had told her that death was beautiful—a person drifted off to sleep without pain. She asked her grandmother that very night, Will I get to see the man they killed and hung on the tree if I go to sleep in death? The grandmother said "Yes, but you are not going to die."

Each day when they traveled the kind soldier wrapped her up and carried her on the horse—Annakee did not remember much when she was so sick. Food began to be short. One day she noticed two men take one bean and divide it, so that women and children could have just a little bit more to eat. Somehow there were less soldiers. Some began to get sick and die.

Spring came and the weather was warm. Sometimes they would come up to a camp. Those who went ahead of them had camped there. Each band of Indians was assigned to a group of soldiers. One main food was corn. The women folks had saved some corn back in case of extra need.

Months later, Annakee became stronger and was able to play with other children. This had not been allowed before. It appeared the mean soldiers became friendly and kind. The Indians were allowed to have council meeting at camp when the medicine man would give them a talk. He told them surely they would get to their destination and they would be left alone to start all over again. The medicine man noticed also that the soldiers were running out of their supplies.

The soldiers began to get sick. Some of the horses died, so some had to walk.

The Chief said, "This is our time to rebel. We need our food. We shall not give one grain of corn to them. We have suffered so much. Our loved ones they killed, they would not let us bury our dead. We will show no mercy."

They camped for a long time near a river to hunt and fish, not patrolled as before.

Regardless of what horrible scenes Annakee saw, she observed and the beauty in the trees and small animal life. She pretended she had protect her doll. She talked to the doll every day. This made her almost forget the reality that was about her.

At one time all they had for food was parched corn boiled in water. One sick soldier came to the campfire and held a tin cup for broth.

The grandmother was dishing out the broth. She looked up to him in surprise. The Chief spoke up and said, "Let him starve." Annakee looked over and saw it was the soldier who had held her and let her ride the horse months and months ago. She ran up and told her grandmother to give him the broth. After that she became a symbol of mercy and took away the hate, fear and somehow helped all those who saw her. They all had to travel together in harmony. The missionaries had taught her what love was—how you felt—forgiveness.

The medicine man told the tales about the little people who could confuse you, emotionally upset a person, even make you run away into the forest where they would hide you. They would make fun of you and hide behind the leaves or side of a trunk of a tree and you became frightened with dreams and began to hallucinate. The medicine man was sympathetic and understanding to his patients who were emotionally disturbed. It was real to Annakee and the myth about the little people, she accepted.

She saw the medicine man take a large kettle, fill it with water, put roots in it and chant and blow into the kettle. The fire kept the water boiling or to simmer at times. This lasted twelve hours. Then the sick man was given only four sips. The sick man got up as if had been in a dream and returned to normal behavior.

Annakee began to think about the large steamboat she was on, when crossing the Mississippi River and how a very large steamboat with soldiers aboard had hailed for them to stop. Most of the Indians had been paid gold pieces for their land. These were very small amounts yet it was the only choice they had. The captain of the steamboat talked with the captain and they were told to remain still. The large steamboat backed far away and with a launch, rushed the small boat and split it in two pieces. Nearly all were drowned. The gold was taken from all the Indians aboard. Somehow Annakee was saved by someone helping her to the shore. Most of the women who could not swim were drowned.

Years later after settling in Indian Territory, Annakee would gather her grandchildren around the campfire and tell them the story of her removal and she would say "If it was not for the soldier who picked me up and cuddled me during my illness, you all would not be here."

The Indians knew how to camouflage themselves. They would hide behind trees and capture a lone soldier and slay him and put him up the fork of a tree. They begin to seek revenge as there was no way they could survive anyway. They became warlike as the soldiers began to weaken. Some soldiers, after arriving at their destination, remained with the Indians and intermarried with them. Becoming deserters, it was necessary to change their names.

Galahead arrived, joined his wife and two sons and changed his name to Watson.



FRED BEAVER

## Indian Studies Offered At Northeastern

Northeastern Oklahoma State University at Tahlequah is the only school in the state offering an Indian Studies Program leading to a bachelor's degree, but others are moving in that direction.

The NEOSU program and a non-degree program at Oklahoma University are spotlighted on the 30th Candid Campus television program, titled "Today's Indian Student".

The host, Dr. Bill Carmack, talks with Dr. Ruth Arrington of NEOSU and Dr. Phillip Lujan (Loo'hahn) of OU, directors of their respective programs.

Profs. Arrington and Lujan agree that the Indian studies programs are not only interdisciplinary but wide open to students of any race.

Lujan also says such a curriculum should not be limited to any group.

"To me it would be a complete waste of time to look out to a sea of brown faces and perhaps to exchange esoteric Indian jokes about the Indian situation, how awful it's been, how terrible things are and things like that," Lujan says. "I think there's a substantive body of knowledge that goes with native American studies programs."

Dr. Arrington, a speech professor, and Dr. Lujan, a communications professor, discuss the emergence of greater numbers of Indian professionals in such fields as law, medicine, other health-related fields and teaching.

Prof. Arrington also describes a program called EPIC—Educational Professionals for Indian Children—at NEOSU, an effort which recently won the distinguished award from the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

"It is for students who are going to be teachers, and begins with a pre-intern program," she says.

"The next step is the intern program, and the third part is for graduate students, largely in guidance and administration."



DEAN TIGER TALKS ABOUT COMMUNITY OLYMPICS with Helen Bennett on KHEN radio broadcast. Creek Nation Forum can be heard each Thursday at 8:30 a.m. on KHEN and each Wednesday at 10 a.m. on KCES, Eufaula.

## OLYMPICS

The second Creek Nation Olympics for youth age 10-18 is scheduled for June 23-24 at Harmon Stadium in Okmulgee during Creek Festival '78. Harmon Field is a high school football-track facility with a cinder track and stadium with a capacity of 3,500.

Previous to this meet, a Community Olympics will be held June 2-3. Contestants who are members of Creek Nation will be representing their communities. Winners from this event will be qualified to represent Creek Nation in the Festival Olympics against other tribal teams and individuals.

Divisions will be according to age and sex. Proof of age and Indian blood must be shown. Contact Dean Tiger or Kenneth Grimes at 756-8800 for registration forms. May 26 is deadline for the Festival event. Registration will not be accepted after deadline.



## Student Financial Aid Information

Thousands of Indian students have received financial aid for additional education after high school. The students completing their education under grant awards are qualifying themselves for future job benefits, responsibilities and advancements.

There are many funding sources available to students: the individual institution, Basic Educational Opportunity Grants (BEOG), Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA), and the Bureau of Indian Affairs Education Departments. The addresses and information listed below may help an interested person locate funds for additional education or training.

The Creek Nation Department of Communications has compiled a complete list of universities, colleges, junior colleges, trade, technical and proprietary schools in Oklahoma. The individual institution is an excellent place to begin to find financial assistance. To receive the listing, write: Creek Nation, Communications-Educational Information, P.O. Box 1114, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

To receive applications and information for BEOG financial assistance, write: Basic Educational Opportunity Grants, P.O. Box B, Iowa City, Iowa 52240.

The CETA program provides assistance to persons seeking vocational training only. This program is primarily administered out of the local tribal office. Persons residing in Creek

Nation jurisdiction should contact: Creek Nation Manpower, Attn: Pat Presson, P.O. Box 1114, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

The national office for any member of the Five Civilized Tribes seeking higher education at a college or university level can apply for assistance at: Higher Education, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Federal Building, Room 103, Muskogee, OK 74401, (918) 687-2306. Approximately 2,500 students are awarded grants throughout the United States each semester.

The BIA also offers vocational training financial assistance. For members of the Five Civilized Tribes within Creek Nation boundaries, the address for applications and information is: Okmulgee Indian Agency, Employment Assistance, P.O. Box 370, Okmulgee, OK 74447 (918) 756-3950. Eighty to eighty-five percent of the applicants receive grants. Persons outside Creek Nation should contact the nearest BIA office for Employment Assistance information for their region.

American Indian high school students can learn about engineering as a profession and experience university life in two free, two-week sessions to be offered at the University of Oklahoma College of Engineering this summer.

OU's FATE (First Americans-tomorrow's Engineers) program, now in its fifth year, will bring in 56 Indian high school students from Oklahoma and other states to learn firsthand what engineering is about, and to meet other Indian students, talk with practicing Indian engineers and conduct experiments to solve real engineering problems.

Any Indian high school students who is currently a sophomore or junior, likes math and is interested in how things work may apply for the programs. Twenty-eight students will be selected for each session, the first of which runs from July 9 through 21. The second sessions will be from July 30 through Aug. 11.

There is no cost to those selected. They will spend two weeks at OU's Walker Tower dormitory and will eat in a nearby cafeteria.

"The program allows students to find out what it is like on a major university campus," noted George Thomas, director of the College of Engineering's Office of Indian Programs. "It also bolsters their self-image since they normally do well in the program. It gives them a look at the profession of engineering, something few Indians get because there are so few Indian engineers."

During the two weeks, the students will attend in-class lectures covering a variety of engineering subjects. They also will conduct experiments, tour local industries and meet practicing engineers. Ample time has been allowed, however, for recreation and discovering the university community.

Four major problems will be studied during the sessions, Thomas noted. "Students may participate in studies on water quality and pollution, energy from wind power, air and noise pollution, and human factors."

The FATE program is supported by OU, Mobil and the Minority Introduction to engineering (mite) program of the Engineers Council for receive travel expenses and free

tuition.

Professional Development. Its purpose is to teach high school Indian students about engineering, its many applications and job opportunities, so that they might consider it as a profession.

As Indian people attempt to become more self-sufficient by developing their lands and resources and operating their own businesses and industries, the need for engineers increases, Thomas explained. Indian engineers are needed for both their technological abilities and their understanding of the problems of the American Indian.

The FATE programs are being coordinated this year by Doug Elliot, a counselor-recruiter with the College of Engineering's Office of Indian Programs. That office also is sponsoring an eight-week Energy Institute this summer for Indian college students.

For information on the FATE program and how to apply, call (405) 325-2621, or write: Office of Indian Programs, College of Engineering, The University of Oklahoma, 202 W. Boyd St., Norman, OK 73019.

## Career Preparation

BY DIANNA JACKSON

Of the millions of students now in American high schools, more than half will go to college. Others will pursue a different form of education, such as office training or technical education. Still others will go directly to work where they will get on-the-job training.

The last years in high school give each student a chance to prepare for the transition. It is a period that involves many decisions for young people—decisions that will be easier to make if the right steps are taken beforehand.

First and most important is good preparation. The student's first job is to do well in his/her high school courses.

Second, it is best to get a general sense of direction as early as possible. The students should begin thinking about the general fields that seem to interest them and that are within their abilities.

Third, students need to seek trained advisors. Guidance counselors can be of great help in steering students to further information about careers and training.

A collection of information concerning careers, opportunities for further education and training, and school curricular offerings should be provided by the school counselor. He/she should be able to assist students in understanding procedures for making applications and planning for financing the student's educational goals beyond high school.

In efforts to provide students with educational and occupational opportunities, a counselor can assist students and/or parents with current and future educational and occupational opportunities and requirements, long-range educational plans and choices.

Fourth, the students should begin to review educational costs and ways to get financial assistance in meeting these costs. The transition from high school to career is a very personal journey, determined by the student's abilities, hopes for the future, and preferences. This article is intended to provide the student with some of that information.

A university is composed of divisions called either schools or colleges and offers graduate degrees (master's and doctorate) as well as undergraduate (bachelor's) degree programs. Many also have two year or three year programs offering the associate degree. Each college within a university has its own faculty, its own standards, and its own admissions policies.

Most of the institutions of higher education are four year colleges. Many concentrate on the liberal arts or on teacher preparation. But, many have expanded their curricula and have begun to offer graduate degree programs and broaden their scope to become universities.

The public two year college is the fastest growing segment of higher education. There is usually a college within commuting distance. An advantage of the public two year college is that students who did not do well in high school can usually gain ad-

mission. This isn't to say that all of the students have low academic ability. But the student who has yet to find himself academically, or one who is really undecided about whether to go to college would do well to look into the offerings of a nearby community college.

Technical institutions offer post-high school education for occupations. The admission procedure usually emphasizes assessing potential for the job. The lengths of programs are usually computed in hours and may range from several months to two years. Typical courses include air conditioning, refrigeration, automotive technology, carpentry and baking. A tour is an excellent way to learn about the programs.

There is a school for every occupation—for barbers, beauticians, airline hostesses, secretaries, radio-TV repairmen and others. These schools are called proprietary schools. Many offer correspondence courses. It's a good idea to check with your counselor before enrolling in a program of this type.

The two principal problems faced by high school students going on for further education are: 1) being accepted by the institutions, and 2) getting the money to pay for it.

The most important factors in order of importance in gaining admission are high school records, test scores on college entrance examinations, recommendations by teachers and counselors, and the impression made by letter or interview.

Each institution will list in its catalogue what national tests are required for application. The principal ones are the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and the American College Testing Programs (ACT). Both of these are given at various dates during the senior year of high school.

Gaining admission to the school or college takes the student over one hurdle. Finding the money to pay the costs presents another. There are several federal agencies that provide financial assistance to students. To name a few are the Bureau of Indian Affairs grant, Basic Educational Opportunity Grant (BEOG), National Defense Student Loan, National Defense Education Act, and the College Work-Study program.

Each of these are different in terms of eligibility and amount offered. Counselors should have available up-to-date information from college admissions officers regarding entrance requirements, entrance examinations, available scholarships and applications.

Most institutions provide attractive booklets, leaflets, and catalogues listing and describing their programs. These can be obtained by a request to the registrar's office.

Information about local colleges is easy to obtain, but college catalogues do not always provide all the information that is needed.

While materials can be obtained, a well-planned visit is the best way for students to get information about the training and educational programs offered at his choice of school.

## Bacone Summer Pre-Enrollment Scheduled

Students wishing to pre-enroll for day classes may do so daily through May 31, 1978 at the office of the registrar, Samuel Richards Hall, Bacone College, Muskogee. Hours for enrollment are 8-12 and 1-4:30 p.m.

General enrollment will be Tuesday, May 30 from 8-12 and 1-4:30 p.m. Classes are slated to begin on Wednesday, May 31. Enrollment will be accepted through June 6, 1978, however students are encouraged to enroll early so that they might select the classes they want.

Students needing assistance to attend summer school should apply for aid in the office of financial aids which is open daily. This should be done as soon as possible. Veterans who plan to attend the summer sessions should check with the Veteran's Administration Office for information relative to the respective VA benefits.

A variety of day classes are offered in the fields of art, business education, religion and humanities, language arts, mathematics, science, social science, music, and health and physical education.

For additional information or class schedules, call the office of the registrar, (918) 683-4581, extension 205.



# Bacone To Celebrate 100th Birthday

Mr. Richard Bradley, chairman of the ad hoc committee for the Bacone Centennial Commission, announced the commission membership to the Bacone Board of Trustees during its March meeting. The colleges 100th birthday and Founders Day will be February 9, 1980. The commission began plans for that event in its first meeting last week at the college.

Mrs. Clydia Nahwooksy of Albuquerque has been named chairperson of the commission. Mrs. Nahwooksy, a 1952 graduate of Bacone College, is currently assistant to the director of American Indian Scholarships in Taos, New Mexico. She has worked as assistant to the Assistant Secretary to Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. and acting program manager of Parts B and C, Office of Indian Education, U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

She has served as director of the Indian awareness program at the Smithsonian Institute, consultant for folklife programs at the Smithsonian; administrative assistant for Indian Health Service, Washington, D.C.; adult education specialist for the Bureau of Indian Affairs at Ft. Hall, Idaho; and BIA administrative assistant in Washington.

Mrs. Nahwooksy is a member of the American Folklore society, the National Congress of American Indians, and was president of the American Indian Bicentennial Committee. She is a native of Tahlequah and completed her education at the University of Oklahoma, American University in Washington, D.C., and Idaho State University.

Assisting Mrs. Nahwooksy as vice-chairperson of the commission is Mr. Bill Nichols of Muskogee. Mr. Nichols, a

partner in Hensley-Nichols Insurance agency, is a former member of the Bacone trustees and a Distinguished Baconian.

Members of the commission are: Dr. A. Stanley MacNair, San Leandro, California; Herchell Daney, Sand Springs Oklahoma; Mrs. Anne Pillsbury, St. Louis, Missouri; Mr. John Jacob, Stamford, Connecticut; Perry Wheeler, Sallisaw, Oklahoma; Solomon McCombs, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Mrs. Roseanna Spinks, Dr. Robert Ferree, Mr. John Williams, and Mrs. Evelyn Epperson, Bacone faculty and staff, Muskogee, Oklahoma; Mr. Jack Montgomery, Gore, Oklahoma; Dr. B. Frank Belvin, Okmulgee, Oklahoma; Mrs. Adaline Adams, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Mrs. Sue Patterson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Mr. Ed Shaw, Boston, Massachusetts; Ms. Annette Anderson, Mrs. Marie Wadley,

and Mr. Richard Bradley, all of Muskogee.

Two Bacone students chosen by the Bacone Student Senate will also serve on the commission. Interim President, Dr. Wesley N. Haines, Director of Development, Rev. Gary W. Wagner, and Director of Communication, Ms. Sandy Wagner, will serve as ex officio members of the commission.

Temporary chairmen were chosen from the commission to

serve until their next meeting on April 29 and 30. They are: Mr. Williams, history and documents; Mrs. Nahwooksy, capital fund campaign; Mr. Nichols, major events; Dr. MacNair, convocations; Mr. Montgomery, pow wow; Mr. McCombs, artist shows; Mr. Shaw, media events; and Mr. Nichols, other categories. Mrs. Bradley is temporary chairperson of the publicity committee and Ms. Anderson is head of alumni activities.

## Yahola Brings Ceremonial Coals To Tulsey Town

(Reprint from Oklahoma Indian and Nature Guide, an educational study funded through Title IV.)

Legend has it that Yahola took hot coals from the tribal ceremonial fires in Alabama and used them to kindle a new fire each night on the long trip west (Trail of Tears). Ultimately, Yahola is said to have reached Tulsey Town (Tulsa) and lighted a fire beside a great oak with the coals brought from Alabama. Until he died in 1858, Yahola presided over the councils in Tulsey Town.

Apparently the exact date of the establishment of the village of Locharpoka on the site of Tulsa is not known. It could have been as early as 1828, but more likely it came in the 1830's. By 1850, it was known as Tulsey Town and had a population of 150.

The Creeks lived in one-or two-room log cabins rather than tipis, for the Creeks were one of the Five Tribes. Their favorite gathering place was a large oak tree at 1730 S. Cheyenne Avenue which Tulsans refer to today as the Creek Council Oak. The site was preferred because the people could watch the canoes and rafts on the river, the basic artery of travel. The dense forest growth in the rich bottoms along the river created what McIntosh called "an impenetrable vastness" which stood as a bar to travel by land unless one was content to stay on the higher lands of the prairie.

Stomp dances were held at the council tree site. The residents of Tulsey Town invited neighboring 'Indians'.

Tulsey Town was at the north edge of the Creek Nation. South of what is now Edison Street and Admiral Place lay the Creek Nation. North of that line and west of what is now Elwood Avenue was the Osage Nation. To the east of the Osage boundary and north of the Creek boundary lay the Cherokee Nation.

So, to Tulsey Town for the stomp dances and the Creek ball games came Osages and Cherokees, also Shawnees, Quapaws and members of other tribes. The Indians came and camped for days. Amid much socializing, many intertribal marriages resulted.

After the Civil War, the known history of Tulsey Town for several years revolved around the Perryman family. George Perryman, a livestock grower, hauled lumber from Coffeyville and built a house. In 1878, the house became Tulsa's first post office with Perryman's brother, J.M. Perryman, as the first postmaster. Another brother, Legus Perryman, was chief of the Creeks for several years.

The foundation of modern Tulsa was laid in January 1882 when a contract was signed for extension of the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad from Vinita to near the Arkansas River in order to better compete for the area's cattle business. The terminus was to be on the Cherokee side of the Cherokee-Creek line, but H.C. Hall, the railroad contractor, found that more liberal business concessions could be obtained from the Creeks than from the Cherokees. The terminus was there fore moved a half mile west into the Creek Nation. J.M. Perryman and "Has" Reed of Coffeyville opened a store near the terminus, and Perryman moved the post office into it.

Only Creek citizens and those who were married to Creeks could legally do business in the Creek Nation, so the town at the end of the tracks grew very slowly with only 300 settlers in 1895. The townsite was surveyed in 1900. In this framework, Creek women and their husbands became the first citizens of the future city.



## Seminole Enrolment Information

Recently our office received a letter from the Seminole Tribe asking us to publish a list of names they have been trying to contact to enrol with Seminole Nation. If your name is on the list or if you know where any of these people are please contact the Seminole Tribal Enrollment Office, P.O. Box 956, Wewoka, Oklahoma 74884.

HENRYETTA: Berryhill, Jim Thorpe & Child; Berryhill, Martha; Chupcogee, Robert Lewis & Children; Fowler, Janice & Child; Harjo, Joe, Jr.; Harjo, Melessa; Harjo, Norah, Kelly, Washington; Kelly, Willie; Powell, Lydia Jean; Powell, Nellie; Scott, Robert.

OKMULGEE: Tecumseh, Elsie J.; Acton, Kenny Arthur; Acton, Pamela J.; Johnson, Richard; Long, Pauline; Lewis, Jesse W.; Kelly, Jeanie & Children; Kelly, Earl Wayne; Denny, Loretta & Children; Douglas, Geneva & Child; Jones, Thomas Frederick & Children; Tecumseh, Geronimo; Techumseh, Carmin; Scott, Betty Ellen; Harjo, Stanley Lee; Harjo, Albert Lee Jr.; Harjo, Sonja Renee.

DEWAR: Kelly, Bill Dean & Child; Kelly, Leroy; Lackey, Wanda.

OKEMAH: Harjo, Louis Frank; Harjo, Lucinda & Children; Harjo, Dora Mae; Johnson, Clyde & Children; Beaver, Sam, Sr. & Children; Bell, Harry & Child; Coon, Bucky Wayne & Children; Coon, Manuel; Coon, Phillip Sr. & Child; Coon, Phillip Jr. & Child; Gibson, Marcus Marsey & Child; Harjo, Benny & Children.

## Coweta High Seniors Outstanding Students

Coweta High School has produced two outstanding senior Indian students this year.

Robert Johnson, fullblood Creek-Seminole, is a three sport letterman. An all-conference football player, Robert was a running back and defensive halfback for the Coweta team. He is the 1977-78 wrestling team captain and competed in the state finals this year. Robert is also a member of the baseball team.

Athletics is not Johnson's only merit - he is also a winner in the classroom. For the last two semesters, Robert's grade point average, a 3.66, put him in the top ten percent of his class academically and on the National Honor Roll.

Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Johnson of Coweta. After graduation this spring, he will be attending East Central University in Ada to pursue a career in the medical field.

Robyn Davis, 1/2 Creek, has also excelled in the classroom and in numerous extracurricular activities.

Robyn has participated in band for several years and for the last three years has been first chair flutist for Coweta. She has also played the first chair position in the All-State band for the last two years. Robyn has received a superior rating at the State Contest for her solo performances during her sophomore and junior years. She will be competing in that contest again later this spring. Robyn was awarded a special

honor during her senior year - she was named 1977-78 Coweta High School Band Queen.

Her other extracurricular activities include cheerleading for five years and working for the high school newspaper.

She is sports editor of the Coweta High Times and has intermittently served as co-editor-in-chief of that publication.

Robyn will graduate in May with a 3.41 overall high school grade point average - 16th in her class. She was named to the National Honor Society for one year and Oklahoma State Honor Society for several years.

Robyn, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Davis of Coweta, is planning to major in secretarial science and minor in music this fall at Northeastern Oklahoma State University in Tahlequah.

## Creek Poetess Wins Honors

Annette Arkeketa West is a freshman at Tulsa Junior College. She is the 19 year old daughter of Ben and Mary Arkeketa of Prattville and the granddaughter of Margaret and Jess Freeman of Okmulgee. Annette's area of study concentration at T.J.C. is in Liberal Arts. She has won honors with her poetry since high school. More recently, Annette was first place winner in a poetry contest at T.J.C. with her poem, "naming the rain."

### naming the rain

I.  
within the damp wind  
our fingers will sift the rain  
for the breath of morning

II.  
I hear night whistle  
singing through eaglebone  
while braided sweetgrass  
filters this antelope home.  
like the stone we  
remain in darkness  
waiting  
for mountain echoes  
to swell the rivers,  
freeing tired arms and tongue  
of Wise Spirit  
who sweats his sweet medicine  
for you.

annette arkeketa west

## Bacone Scholarships Available

Dr. Wesley Haines, interim president of Bacone College, announces the availability of thirty scholarships to be granted to students from Muskogee and the surrounding areas. Recipients of the Bacone Scholar Awards must be residents of the commuter area and must be in the upper forty percent of their senior high graduating class. The scholarships will cover the cost of tuition, books, and fees through graduation less any external grants or scholarships for which the students might be eligible.



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## Creek Hospital Offers Services

BY SUSAN BUNNEY

From every point of view, except Creek Nation's, what was thought to be an impossible task has become a reality. An Indian tribe can and will maintain their own health care facilities for their own people while serving others as well.

Creek Nation Community Hospital, the first tribally operated hospital in history is being equipped and staffed towards being one of the finest hospitals in this area.

Individual departments within the hospital structure perform specific functions to provide

complete health care. Staff physician specialists, trained personnel and modern medical equipment are working together to offer first rate services to Indian people.

Creek Nation Community Hospital has a doctors staff of many experienced specialists

and general practioners. The staff doctors are: Dr. Yale E. Parkhurst, M.D., General Practioner, Okemah; Dr. Hobart C. Sanders M.D., Gynecology and Obstetrics, Tulsa; Dr. Dan Keller M.D., Pathologist, Oklahoma City; Dr. Horacio H. Schlaen, M.D., General Surgeon, Okmulgee; Dr. Joe L. Spann M.D., General Surgeon, Okmulgee; Dr. Michael E. Sandlin M.D., General Surgeon, Okmulgee; Dr. Dennis Pennington M.D., Radiologist, Okmulgee; Dr. Jon M. Scenette M.D., Orthopedic Surgeon, Okmulgee; Dr. Hobart M. Sanders M.D., General Practioner, Boley; Dr. Charles A. Cashman M.D., General Practioner, Surgeon, Okemah; and Dr. John M. Kalbfleisch M.D., Cardiologist, Tulsa.

These doctors are eighter full time or part time staff members or are on call for special appointments and consultation.

### NURSING SERVICE

The Nursing Services Division is comprised of physical therapy, respiratory therapy, coronary care unit, obstetrics and the emergency and operating rooms. Director Ruth Tennison is a veteran in all aspects of nursing with 39 years experience in the field. Fourteen full time registered nurses and licensed practical nurses are currently on staff and more of these professionals are expected soon.

### PHYSICAL THERAPY

The physical therapy room is well equipped for handling patients. A diathermy unit (heat treatment), new ultra-sound wave treatment and whirlpool are available for patient use. Numerous pieces of equipment (parallel bars, shoulder wheel, etc.) for exercising specific parts of the body are included in the physical therapy arrangement.

The hospital is currently without a registered physcial therapist capable of giving massage treatments to patients. As soon as a therapist is hired, the department will be reopened.

### RESPIRATORY THERAPY

Respiratory therapy plays an important part in patient care. It aids-improves breathing capabilities of patients.

The most sophisticated piece of respiratory equipment manufactured today is available at the hospital. The Bennett MA-

1 is a respiration unit model. The MA-1 breathes, even sighs for the patient to provide a life support assistance and control. When a patient is connected to the MA-1 and is breathing properly, the machine remains inactive. If the patient begins having difficulty, the MA-1 begins to assist in breathing and takes over if necessary to breathe for the patient.

An intermittent positive pressure breathing machine and an ultra-sonic machine are also available in the respiratory therapy department. Frances Miller, Creek Nation respirator was trained at Oklahoma University Health and Medical Center in Oklahoma City.

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Creek Nation Community Hospital



Central Nurse's Station Inside Hospital

## Dedication Set For Hospital

A Dedication and Open House Ceremony has been planned for Creek Nation Community Hospital, May 13, 3 p.m., on the hospital grounds at Okemah.

Creek Original Allottees will be "Special Guests of Honor." Special seating provisions will be made for these guests. For those allottees who can attend, please contact the Chief's office before the event to let him know you are going to be there. If you can not do that, please contact either Etta Connor or Helen Bennett when you arrive so you may be recognized.

Original allottees are those whom the U.S. Government, in 1906, granted 160 acres of the old Creek Nation and their names appear on the 1906 Dawes Commission roll book. Most of these people have spent their lives under substandard health care and conditions. Chief Cox said, "I realize the Creek Nation Community Hospital has been a long time coming, but now we are on our way to providing better service than has ever been known in this area to Indian people. Not only for the deserving older people, but so that our young many develop strong attitudes and initiatives through healthier day to day living."

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# Creek Nation Forum

## The Longest Walk Appeals To Oklahoma Indians

BY HELEN BENNETT

For the past few weeks, a group of Indian people have been appealing to Oklahoma Indians to participate in the support of "The Longest Walk."

"The Longest Walk" is a crusade going on this very minute by Indian people who are trying to do something about legislative conditions concerning Indian rights. These people have made every attempt possible to let Oklahoma Indians know information about "The Longest Walk." Some newspaper and television coverage has been given them, but not enough. They have organized coordinators across Oklahoma to help them out, but the majority of the Indian people are not uniting like they should...some response has begun to be shown, but not nearly like it should be to combat the effects that could happen if this legislation is passed and acted upon.

The concept of the walk is to make not only Indian people aware of what could happen to them, but to also make non-Indian people aware of things that have happened in the past. After all, those indignities that were suffered in the past have brought out many of the feelings and actions taken by today's Indians....feelings and actions thought uncouth by today's non-Indian society.

I think there is not an Indian anywhere, who has not felt this "backlash," even before someone came up with a name for it. It is your responsibility as an Indian to keep aware of every issue that concerns Indian people, just as it is your responsibility as a U.S. citizen to be aware of U.S. Government happenings.

Unless someone or group takes action against certain matters, it is considered as pleasing to everybody...this proposed legislation is not pleasing to the majority of Indian people who have taken the time to study it. They have taken it as their responsibility to inform other Indian people about it and also to do something about it.

When the walkers get to Washington in July, they hope to have attracted enough supporters that the President of the United States will take the time to listen to their appeal not to pass the legislation that will eventually terminate Indians.

Whatever your feelings on this matter are, I urge you to consider them once again in a more positive manner ever before about what is going on...talk to other

about it...because the walkers are not walking for personal fame or glory...they are walking for all Indian people, past, present and future. Perhaps because this walk has been peaceful, it has received very little publicity. Below are ways you can help:

Spread the word about "The Longest Walk". Watch for news about it. A group of Oklahomans will begin the Walk for Tahlequah, leaving on May 6. They will join the other Walkers in Illinois.

Support it with your prayers.

Support it with donations of money to help feed, clothe and shelter walkers. (Make checks payable to The Longest Walk and send them to Pam Brazeal, Native American Coalition, 819 S. Denver, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119.

Non-perishable food and medical supplies are very much needed. They can be taken to the same address as above.

A bus is needed to accompany the Walkers to Washington (people get tired and feet get blistered sometimes.)

Write letters to your Senators and Congressman, letting them know of your support of Indians and urge them to defeat these bills.

This is an era of renewed determination by tribes all across the country to build their economic bases and strengthen their cultures, but help is needed against those who would take our remnants of land, sovereignty and rights and services guaranteed to us in return for land ceded in years past. BE AN INDIAN AND STAY AN INDIAN! (See article on this page for more information on the proposed anti-Indian legislation.)

## Crow Indian Tribe Federal Relations Take Turn To Worse

In an interview with a Billings Gazette reporter, Forest Horn, chairman of the Crow Tribe, said that cooperation between the Crows and local and state governments had taken a turn for the worse. Horn said that the conflict about fishing in the Bighorn River was not the only problem. He also cited an "unfair" state coal tax and gerrymandered legislative districts which inhibit a Crow voice in the state government. Horn added that relations with the Federal Government were not much better. He said that the BIA has failed to carry out its trust responsibility to the tribe.

# Anti-Indian Legislation

(Reprint: Christian Century, April 5, 1978)--Forced marches are to our sorrow, nothing new in the history of native Americans. Hence, the symbolism of a group of Indians undertaking the Lonest Walk across the entire continent to seek redress for grievances is particularly poignant. The walkers have now covered approximately one-third of their distance. Concerned readers may want to be on the lookout for the walkers presence in their area 1/2 the route includes Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indian, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

In a quiet, low-key but deadly persistent way, Congress is gearing up to turn the screws on the Indian people one more time. A package of anti-Indian legislation now pending could seriously erode Indian identity.

Three pieces of legislation would seek to void land treaties between governmental agencies and Indian tribes. HR 4169 and SB 842, offered by Representative William S. Cohen (R., Maine) and Senator Edmund Muskie (D., Maine), would extinguish Maine Indian titles to all lands under treaty. Similarly, HR 9906 (Walsh) would void all New York Indian Titles to land under treaty. Finally, HR 9054 (Cunningham) would seek to abrogate all Indian treaties in the United States, precluding court action by Indian people to reclaim lands that were historically deeded to them. It seems obvious that each of these three bills is a response to the increasing numbers of successful court cases in which Indians have sought to force various government agencies to honor treaties. The bills contain a curious irony in light of the Senate's willingness to ratify a new Panama Canal treaty giving control of the Canal Zone to the Panamanians. Our government is seemingly more ready to honor foreign commitments than domestic ones.

Six other bills, though less dramatic, would systematically put an end to Indian control over reservation lands. HR 9951 (Meeds) seeks to eliminate tribal control over water rights. The bill would require the quantification of all Indian water. Second, all Indian claims to water would have to be filed within five years of the date of enactment. Finally, all claims to original rights to the use of water would be extinguished.

The bill suggests that if future water needs increase, Indian tribes could "purchase rights to use of water acquired under state law." In essence, this bill would seek to put water meters on reservations. Could it be that Congress wants to ration water in the arid west in order to give surpluses to the large energy conglomerates that need water to mine shale oil and coal reserves?

Five pieces of legislation would alter traditional Indian hunting and fishing rights. HJR 1 (Meeds) creates an off-reservation Indian Treaty Fishing Rights Commission to buy out trade rights. HJR 206 (Dingell) would grant to states the power to regulate hunting and fishing by Indians off reservation land. HR 9736 (Cunningham) would prohibit commercial sales of Steelhead trout by Indians across the United States. HR 9175 (Cunningham) would give Washington state control over off-reservation hunting and fishing within its boundaries.

Finally, HR 9950 (Meeds) would extend comprehensive federal control over hunting and fishing rights granted to Indians by treaty. In each case, these bills would further erode the Indian people's now minimal rights by giving federal and state agencies the right to legislate Indian life styles.

The final piece of anti-Indian legislation now before Congress is Senate Bill 1437, authored by the late Senator John McClellan (D., Ark.) and Senator Edward Kennedy (D., Mass.). A rather complex revision of the Major Crimes Act of 1887, this bill contains special provisions relating to criminal jurisdiction over Indian country; it would work against native American people in their struggle for self-determination.

Historically, tribes have enjoyed complete jurisdiction over crimes committed by one Indian against another in Indian country. In 1953, public law 280 was enacted, giving some states the power to punish Indian people for crimes committed on Indian land. SB 1437 would increase federal and state control over Indian crime and, of course, decrease Indian sovereignty.

Perhaps most seriously, this bill contains vague phrasing conducive to abuse. For example, the category of "major crime" contains such punishable offenses as "terrorizing" and "reckless endangerment" which is defined simply as "conduct that places another person in danger of death or serious bodily injury." An excellent pamphlet, published by Carol Strickland of Sorenson & Tooby, Oakland, makes these important conclusions about the bill:

This definition is so broad that

it would seem to cover activities like driving five miles over the speed limit, or cleaning one's gun in the presence of another. These two new crimes are so broadly defined that they are subject to incredible abuse by federal prosecutors. They both carry a seven year maximum penalty.

This Senate bill seems tailor-made for reproducing the conspiracy-trial atmosphere of the 1960s, giving federal authorities convenient excuses for imprisoning Indian movement leaders.

## ICERR Concern Of Indian Tribes

The following is excerpted from the April 10 issue of the National Magazine. "...Indians have finally earned that ultimate badge of minority success--a genuine and threatening white backlash. The organized white protesters...call themselves the 'interstate Congress for Equal Rights and Responsibilities...ICERR which has attracted tens of thousands since it was founded two years ago, is supporting scores of countersuits in twenty states contesting Indian claims to land, water and fishing rights. The whole backlash has prompted the Navajo tribal council to summon all concerned tribes to a meeting...At next week's summit... the object is to raise \$500,000 to support a public relations group called the Native American Treaty Rights Organization. The Indians plan to play rough if their campaign fails to stem white backlash. 'We hate to embarrass the U.S., but we're going to take our problems to the Third World.'

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## Board Organized To Represent Elderly Oklahoma Indians

BY KENNETH TIGER

The initial organizational meeting for the Oklahoma Indian Advisory Council on Aging was held on April 8 in Oklahoma City. A 16 member board representing all the tribes and Indians in Oklahoma concerning elderly programs was approved at the meeting. Oklahoma representatives from the National Indian Council on Aging who were responsible in organizing the initial meeting were Cecilia Blanchard, Kickapoo from Shawnee, Reverend Robert Pinegaddleby, Kiowa from Oklahoma City, and John Carlile, Cherokee from Tahlequah.

The newly appointed 16 member council will continue to develop the organizational structure and the functions of the board at its next scheduled meeting to be held on May 8 in Oklahoma City. Seven members of the board are from the tribal governments whose jurisdictions are the responsibilities of the Muskogee Area BIA office, and seven members of the board will represent the tribal governments in western Oklahoma whose jurisdictions are the responsibilities of the Anadarko Area BIA office. Two representatives on the board will come from the two major urban areas in Oklahoma, Tulsa and Oklahoma City.

The primary function of the board will be to provide input into the Oklahoma State Aging Plan for the benefit of elderly

Indian members of Oklahoma. Benefits provided by the Older American Act of 1965, as amended, are well intentioned to fund programs to meet the needs of older persons, but it hasn't had the impact on meeting the needs of elderly Indians. Elderly Indian needs are unique and require special considerations accordant with their natural lifestyle. The Oklahoma Indian Advisory Council on Aging will coordinate their efforts with the tribal governments in Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Governor's office to insure full considerations are given to the elderly Indians of Oklahoma in the Oklahoma State Plan on Aging. It should be stressed at this point that the Council, a nonprofit organization, is not and will not be a funding agency.

An election of officers from the 16 members council was conducted to make up the Executive Board of the Council. Officers elected were: Kenneth Tiger, Creek Nation, chairman; Bertha Pickard, Wichita tribe, vice-person; Phyllis Murphy, Choctaw Nation, treasurer; and Abel Noah, Oklahoma City urban representative, secretary. Other confirmed members on the council include Linda Morgan from the Northeastern Oklahoma Five Tribes Council, Inc., Pat Woods, Chicksaw Nation, Sam Stool Jr., Cherokee Nation, Floyd Harjo, Sr., Seminole Nation, and John Daugherty, Jr., Tulsa Coalition urban area.

Members from western Oklahoma who sat on the council were Winnie Poolaw, Delaware tribe, Alvin Leading Fox, Pawnee tribe, Wynetta Clifford, Shawnee, Rose Chiney, Ft. Sill Apache and Rosaline Orange was mentioned to be representative of the Cheyenne-Arapaho area. Two seats were held vacant to be filled at a later date.

### CREEK PARADE SET JUNE 24

Creek Nation will hold its annual Festival Parade Saturday, June 24, at 2:30 p.m. in downtown Okmulgee. The parade is part of the '78 Creek Nation Festival.

The parade will include two categories in which prizes will be given. The categories are the community float contest which is open to organized Indian communities only and the equestrian units contest which is open to any round-up club, rodeo club, or saddle club within the boundaries of Creek Nation. Sponsors for the prizes include the Creek Festival Committee and the Creek Nation Rodeo Committee.

Details of the parade are being arranged by the Parade Marshall, Charles P. Meloy, who may be contacted for information at the Creek Nation Capitol Complex, Okmulgee (918) 756-8500.



### Creek Agricultural Program Develop Upgrade System

Cattle production and farming operations are continually being developed through the Creek Nation Agriculture Program. The cattle herd has grown from 35 head in 1976 to almost 200 head. Emphasis is being placed on the development of a pure bred certified Santa Gertrudis herd. However, the existing commercial herds are utilizing the Santa Gertrudis bulls. This upgrading practice will increase the quality of calves produced, bring more size and higher rates of early growth.

Seven quality pastures are being used in the program. These pastures range in sizes from 40 acres to 500 acres. They are all located in the Hanna area on Creek Tribal land. Several choice areas within these tribal pastures have been selected for improvement. This month, land management personnel carried out several pasture improvement practices which were programmed for these

areas. As a result of pasture improvement, grazing may be carried on throughout most of the calendar year. With adequate rainfall, the quantity of bermuda grass produced will allow several cuttings each year for hay production. Farming operations are conducted by: George Marshall, Land Management Aides, Eddie Lowe and Roley Marshall.

Ninty-two acres of wheat will be ready for harvest in June and ten acres of field corn has been planted. Forty acres of milo will be planted in May.

Agriculture Development Specialist, Eddie Moore and William Gamble have been working with the land management crew in developing the Tribal Agriculture Program. Future projections include: establishing 30 acres of alfalfa in the fall; developing a tribal irrigation system for the Hanna project; and developing winter pastures at the same locations.

## Glenn Moore, Creek Treasurer Involved In Indian Activities

Glenn Moore is currently treasurer of Creek Nation. He was appointed to this position in 1973 by Chief Cox and the appointment was approved by the council in a legislative act and also authorized by the Secretary of Interior through the BIA.

As treasurer, Glenn is responsible for signing off on all Council disbursements, approving Creek Nation capital spending (both federal and tribal), working with Creek Nation's accounting department, BIA band analysis and tribal projections.

He spends much personal time involving himself in other Creek Nation activities as well. This interest is hereditary-for several generations the Moore family has been involved in tribal affairs. Glenn's grandfather, John R. Moore also served as Creek Nation treasurer and Speaker of the House during the 1860's. N.B. Moore, a great uncle, was a Lighthorseman and a Muskogee area Supreme Court Judge.

Glenn's father, William N. Moore, was a Council member. He was also a Morris banker and rancher for many years. When William enrolled in school at Bacone, he didn't speak one word of English and had to learn it while there.

Glenn was born in 1924 and raised on Halfmoon Ranch, south of Morris. The ranch at

one time encompassed parts of 27 counties. He was the tenth son of eleven boys-an unusual fact in itself.

Attending Oklahoma State University (then Oklahoma A&M College) Glenn played varsity football and basketball all four years. The football team won the Sugar Bowl and Cotton Bowl during his career and was undefeated in 1945. After receiving a degree in education, Glenn coached at Bacone for two years. He then left Oklahoma to spend two years in the Air Force, afterward working in Tulsa and Okmulgee before accepting the position as postmaster of Morris 25 years ago.

He is not only involved in national tribal affairs, but is also involved at the community level. He is chairman of Morris Indian Community- a large, active group. "Everyone needs to get behind community leaders and workers," he said.

The continuing advancement of Creek Nation is a subject on which he readily speaks. "We (Creek people and Council) have a good working relationship with Chief Cox. The sooner the best method of representation for Creek people can be chosen and a council elected, we can regain our tribal sovereignty and tribal business will really get rolling. The current lawsuit (Harjo v. Secretary of Interior)," con-

tinued Moore, "is holding things up and putting the tribal operation in jeopardy. We need to become unified as a people in both tribal and U.S. government voting. We need to put our voices on paper and write legislators to tell them what we want, assert our views, and spell it out to them."

"I would like to see a continuance in tribal growth. Just think what has been done in recent years. Creek Nation benefits have been a tremendous advantage to Indian people in employment alone. When we make up our minds to become unified as a tribe and as Indians, nothing can stop us. We can't help but make progress."

Glenn also has strong views on keeping Indian Health Service blood quantum at 1/4-a motion on which the Creek Nation has stood alone against the other five tribes. "If IHS can't service all eligible quarter bloods now, how can they serve all who are 1-16th blood quantum? The government is trying to fuse us into the non-Indian society, but it won't work if we stand up together against the system."

Even Glenn's social life is Indian. "My best friends are Indians and that's the way I want it."

Glenn and his Cherokee wife, Jane, have four children and six grandchildren.



GLENN MOORE





Frances Miller, respiratory therapist, shows the MA-1, the most sophisticated respirator manufactured

## Hospital Continued...

Air Force 1, the presidential jet used by Jimmy Carter, is no better equipped for coronary care than Creek Nation Community Hospital. A two unit heart monitor is directly connected to the St. Francis monitoring system round the clock for critical signs. A private telephone line from St. Francis into the coronary care unit hospital room has been installed in case immediate action is necessary.

### OBSTETRICS

The obstetrics department consists of a delivery room and nursery with five bassinets. According to Mrs. Tennison, any normal delivery can be handled quite well. Complicated deliveries are currently referred to other facilities until a new operating table is installed at the hospital.

The operating room is not in use at this time, but will be opened soon. The old operating

table was defective and a new one was ordered. The new table, selected by staff doctors, will be capable of accommodating most general surgery and any type of orthopedic surgery.

The emergency room offers a 24 hour service and can handle most any emergency. A strong asset to the emergency room is the new heart monitor and defibrillator.

Other special hospital features include two waterbeds for patients suffering with extra sensitive pressure areas.

Nurse Tennison is an enthusiastic leader of the nursing division. "There are so many possibilities here. We'll soon have a first class hospital," she said.

### LABORATORY

The laboratory is well-equipped to perform nearly all the necessary tests. It is capable of running complete blood counts, hematology, urinalysis,

serology, coagulation, microbiology and chemistry tests. A well-stocked blood bank is also kept in the lab.

Medical Arts Laboratory in Oklahoma City serves as a reference for cytology, chemistry profiles and any tests sent to Oklahoma City are received by noon the following day.

Marilyn Holmes, Registered Medical Technologist (A.S.C.P.), has six years experience in her field. She received a B.S. in medical technology and a M.S. in Community College Education-Allied Health at Central State University in Edmond.

New lab equipment includes a coulter counter, which does all parts of a blood count except differentiation and a Nova I, which performs chemical analysis. A blood bank is kept in the lab and is restocked with all blood types every week by the



Food service aides prepare three meals a day for patients and staff.

Tulsa Red Cross blood supply. If an emergency arises, the state highway patrol is used for fast shipment of additional blood quantities.

### X-RAY

An important part of any hospital is the x-ray department. This diagnostic procedure quickens a doctor's ability to make decisions.

New x-ray equipment is being purchased for future use by Creek Nation Community Hospital. Tomography x-rays, a method that quickly zeros in on specific parts of the body can then be performed.

The x-ray department handles in-house and clinic patients, Indian Health Service patients and referrals from local doctors. Staff radiologist, Dr. Pennington, visits the hospital on Tuesdays and Thursdays to do all fluoroscopic studies.

Ron Strianese, x-ray department manager and his assistant, Debbie Bible, handle all Electrocardiogram (EKG) tests. Again a telephone reading-reporting system has been arranged with St. Francis hospital in Tulsa. If necessary, tests reports can be telephoned back to the Creek Nation Hospital within ten minutes.

### FOOD SERVICE

The hospital kitchen is a smoothly run component of the hospital, producing three meals every day for in-patients and staff. Wynona Goddard, dietician assistant, is in charge of kitchen staff supervision, storeroom stocking, meal preparation and serving. Her supervisor, a registered dietitian, consults with Mrs. Goddard two days a week

planning meals and checking operational procedures.

Seven persons employed in the kitchen prepare and serve foods and diets to the patients. Several new items have been purchased for faster, more efficient food service.

### PHARMACY

Creek Nation Community Hospital has an in-house pharmacy employing a registered pharmacist and an L.P.N. The pharmacy is responsible for proper storage, stocking and issuance of medication. The two employees work with the hospital administrator and employees, as well as state and federal inspectors to provide medication.

Pharmacist Harry Scofus places and receives medication orders, restocks and purchases medical supplies for the x-ray and inhalation therapy departments, fills prescriptions and issues prescribed narcotics. His assistant, Virginia Cruce, issues "per unit" medication, prescriptions that are prepackaged in single doses. Both employees are responsible for maintaining proper records.

There are two departments that aren't in public view, but that are vital to hospital operation. The departments of admissions and records keeping are the first and last steps in a hospital visit.

Sandra Friday, admissions clerk, stressed that Indian patients eligible for receiving benefits need to bring one of the following: a BIA identification card; roll number; or, an Indian Health Service chart number. Sandra works closely with billing, medical records, nur-



Creek Nation Hospital Auxiliary provides volunteer special services to patients.





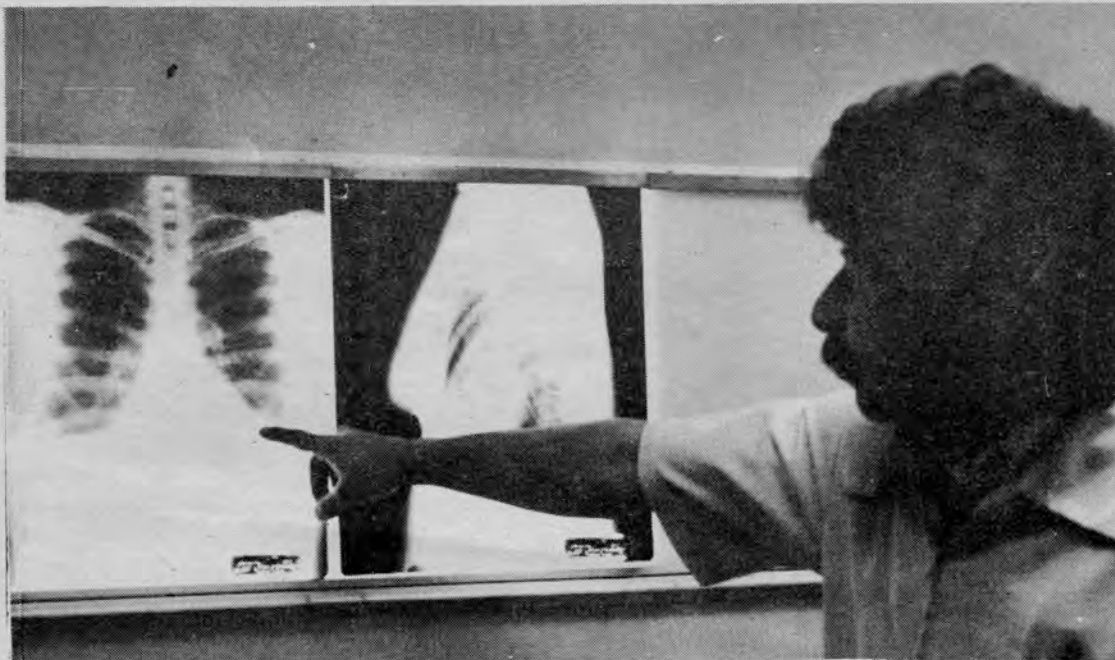
Nursing Services Director Ruth Tennison begins the operational procedures on one of the two heart monitors utilized by Creek Nation Community Hospital.

sing services and emergency room admissions. She is responsible for getting vital statistics and other information.

After a patient is dismissed, the records of the individual hospital visit are sent to the medical records department. Lorena Roberts, medical records clerk, organizes and stores each patient's records. These records are kept for 25 years. She also computes the hospital percentages, census and statistics. Lorena has 15 years experience and was trained at Phoenix College in New Mexico.

As acting hospital administrator, Steve Moore is responsible for regulating all hospital activities. Since all departments are interdependent, they must be smoothly coordinated in order to operate at maximum capabilities.

Hired as assistant administrator, Steve tackled the job of chief administrator Lloyd Land when Mr. Land became ill last winter. Steve finished undergraduate work at Oklahoma University and received a M.S. in Hospital administration from Oklahoma Baptist University in



Ron Strianese, X-ray technician, demonstrates a method of reading an X-ray.



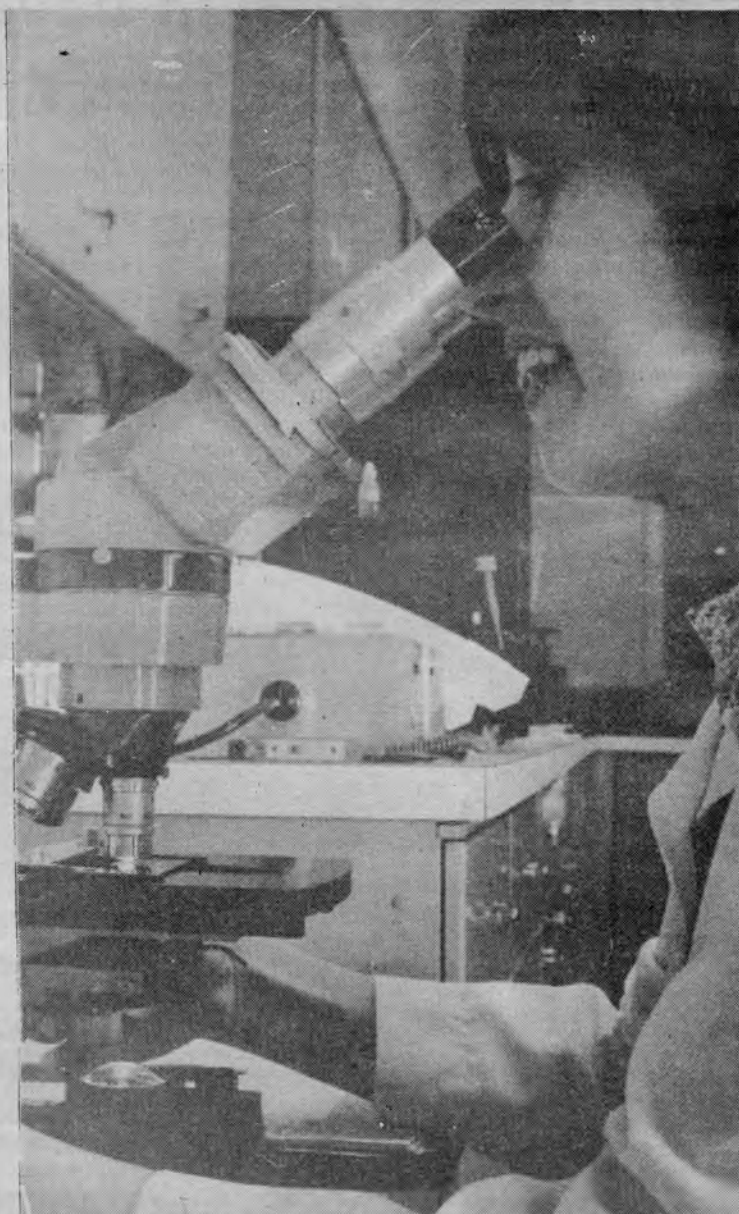
Pharmacist Harry Scofus and his assistant, Virginia Cruce, order supplies and keep records as well as administer medication.

Shawnee. Although he is a recent graduate, he has well carried the weight and pressures of his administrative position.

Every Indian has a right to be proud of Creek Nation Community Hospital. The hospital represents the ability of a tribe to deal with government bureaucracy in order to provide the best in a basic need, health care, for Indian people.



Lorene Roberts, medical records clerk, is responsible for keeping hospital patient records intact.



Laboratory technician, Marilyn Holmes uses a microscope to begin a routine blood count.





Billy Weaver receives his Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood.

## CDIB Needed By Creeks

Certificates of Degree of Indian Blood are issued by the Bureau of Indian Affairs to individuals who present adequate proof of their relationship to an enrollee on the 1906 Dawes Act Roll. Harley G. Little, Superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs at Okmulgee, advises all Creek Indians to obtain a degree of Indian blood card. Listed are



Ida Clinton Riley receiving CDIB from Okmulgee area Superintendent Harley Little. Esther Bell and Janice Wolfe have prepared over 1,000 cards.



Leo Ora Patton receives assistance from Janice Wolf in filling out an application for a CDIB.

acceptable documents which can be used in proving degree of Indian Blood: Standard and Delayed Birth Certificate, Probate Proceedings of Enrollees' Estate and Death

Certificates.

There is no deadline to receive a degree of Indian blood card. Cards are issued by the Superintendent's Office from Monday through Friday.

## Community News

### EUCHEE...

On Sunday, April 23rd, a surprise birthday dinner was given for Mr. Bill Harris at Mutteloke Methodist church, near Bristow.

Members and friends met after the morning service to celebrate and enjoy the covered dish dinner, birthday cake and ice cream.

Present to wish Bill many more happy birthdays were: The District Superintendent, The Reverend and Mrs. Sampson Parish; Rev. Jake Wildcat; Morina Robinson; Jim Cawhee; Wannie Cawhee; Kenneth Tiger; Betty Tiger; and daughter, Lisa; Mary Yochum; Dimmie Washburn; Amie Tiger; Martha Jo Burris and sons, William and Charles; Ruth Traynor; John Echols; Joyce Jennings; James Jennings and sons, Keith and Clint; and Daisy Harris.

### OKMULGEE...

By Chiquita Juneau

The Okmulgee Indian Community has had a busy schedule for the past month.

The coordinator, Rebecca Autaubo, and aids have been mowing yards now that the community has two new lawn mowers. Many home visits have been made and elderly persons have been transported to grocery stores, doctor's offices, mobile clinic, and to pay utility bills. Get-well cards have been sent and gifts of money have been given to bereaved families.

The coordinator and five aides helped with a Wild Onion Dinner sponsored by Newtown United Methodist Church. This was deeply appreciated by the church members.

At the regular monthly meeting held April 10, two speakers were invited and Helen Coon, maternal health and family planning worker with Creek Nation, gave a talk on "Child Abuse" and showed a film. Sheryl Coleman, IHS nurse of Claremore, gave a talk on the importance of immunizations and showed a film on "The Heart". The presentations were very informative.

The community sponsored a hamburger and bake sale at Wal-Mart's on April 15 and helped with a food sale at the Complex on March 31.

The Oral History class began Thursday, April 20, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Oakdale School and will continue each week for 9 weeks.

### CNAA Men Win At B.A. Tourney

CNNA Men entered the Broken Arrow Fast Pitch Tournament April 22 and 23. Twenty teams participated in the tournament. CNNA played seven games, coming from the losers bracket to place second. Bixby placed first.

Players were: Amon Yargee-C, Dean Deere-P; Richard Lietka-P; Cecil Tiger-1B; Joe Barnett-2B, SS, LF; Kenneth Tiger-2B; Charley LaSarge-3B; Joe Tuttle-SS; Kenny Moore-SS; Rusty Miller-LF; Vince Miller-LF; Bill Dowdy-CF; Stoney McLemore-RF.

### SAPULPA...

The Sapulpa Indian Community held its first meeting March 27. The officers elected were: Mose Cahwee, chairman; Vera Barnett, Vice-chairperson; Esther Littlebear, secretary; Gladys McCall, treasurer. The meeting was held at the Yuchi Adult Education Center in Sapulpa.

Those attending the meeting were: Mose Cahwee, Vera Barnett, Anna Wefer, Loretta McKay, Jerri Kinsey, Jo Barnett, Marilyn Bruner, Danny Foster, Betty Foster, Louanne Barnett, Phyllis Warrington, Thelma Cahwee, Minnie Watashe, Wanda Hill, Juanita Nunn, and Calvin Littlebear.

Several community members were named to various festival committees. Jerri Kinsey and L. McKay were named to the rodeo queen committee. Anna Wefer, Gladys McCall, Loretta McKay and Jerri Kinsey will head the Olympics concession committee. The senior citizens committee members are Thelma Cahwee, Vera Barnett, Maxine Barnett and Jerri Kinsey. The festival float committee members are Anna Wefer, Gladys McCall, Phyllis Warrington and Loretta McKay.

Several classes are regularly being held for the Sapulpa Community. Yuchi language class and GED classes are provided by the Yuchi Adult Education program through Creek Nation. Creek Nation Adult Education programs provide tennis and Creek Language class.

The community raised \$138 in a food sale and bingo April 8. The members expressed appreciation to all the donors.

The regular monthly meeting date has been set for the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

### DEWAR...

BY BRENDA CRAIG

The Dewar Indian Community Float was entered in nine parades and won first or second place in every parade. The float, entitled "Creek Lifestyle at the Turn of the Century", was designed, constructed, decorated and accompanied to parades by members of Dewar Indian Community.

The prize monies were used for financing trips to parades, festival fees and for various other needs within the community.

The awards won by "Creek Lifestyle at the Turn of the Century" were: 1) Creek Nation Festival Parade-1st place-\$100.00, 2) Dustin Bi-Centennial-1st place-trophy, 3) Stroud Parade-1st place-trophy, 4) Okmulgee Pow-Wow-2nd place-trophy, 5) Wewoka-Seminole Nation Day-1st place-\$50.00, 6) Suckers' Day in Wetumka-2nd place-\$75.00, 7) Labor Day Parade in Henryetta-1st place-\$125.00, 8) Muskogee State Fair-Goodwill tour representing Creek Nation, and 9) Okemah Pioneer Days-2nd place-\$175.00.

The float's log cabin has been retired in Dewar and will be used to house the community's lawnmowers.

## Division Of Human Development Announces Community Classes

The Division of Human Development has announced the class schedule for the spring quarter. For additional information, contact DHD, located at the Oakdale tribal facility, 756-8800.

COMMUNITY	CLASS	INSTRUCTOR	DAY	TIME
Hanna	Pottery	Ada Deo	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Weleetka	Creative Arts	Hepsey Gilroy	Monday	6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Okemah	Creative Arts	Lucy Walker	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Nuyaka	Creative Arts	Hepsey Gilroy	Thursday	6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Wetemka	Fingerweaving	Jeanette Washington	Thursday	6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Castle	Creative Arts	Lucy Walker	Thursday	6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Tulsa	Advanced Creek	Dean Tiger	Monday	6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Morris	Beginning Creek	Millie Yardy	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Checotah	Creek Language	Leona Colbert	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Okmulgee	Oral History		Thursday	6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sapulpa	Beginning Creek	Dean Tiger	Thursday	6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.



The Creek Nation Mobil Clinic, which began operation April 10, has already served approximately 300 Indian persons. Clinic hours are 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The locations are, Monday, Okmulgee; Tuesday, Yeager; Wednesday, Weleetka; Thursday, Ryal; and, Friday, Twin Hills. Medication has not been stocked on board because of legal matter yet to be settled. For more information on the services offered by the clinic, call (918) 756-8500.





Chief Cox and members of Creek Nation Rodeo Club are selling chances on this 16 by 6 stock trailer to be given away during Creek Festival Rodeo, June 23 and 24. The trailer is valued at \$1,700 and will accommodate four horses...or 4 cows...or four anything!!!!



A Citation recognizing Dr. Ruth Arrington (Creek) was recently presented at the Northeastern Symposium on the American Indian by Ed Moore (Creek) in behalf of Chief Claude Cox. The citation reads as follows: As it is my policy to officially recognize those members of the Creek Tribe whose accomplishments in their chosen fields of endeavor are generally recognized as outstanding, I deem it highly appropriate that this citation of distinguished service to be issued to Dr. Ruth Arrington. In her work for several years as a member of the faculty at NEOSU, she has demonstrated a high level of leadership and serves as an outstanding example for the youth of our nation. It is, therefore, an honor and a privilege for me to present to her, a member of the Creek Tribe, this citation together with a specially struck medallion bearing the official seal of the Creek Nation, and an autographed copy of the limited edition History of the Creek People. This citation is under my hand and seal at the Creek Tribal Office in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, on this 6th day of April, 1978. Claude Cox, Principal Chief of Creek Nation.

## NOTICES

## Help Wanted

Creek Nation has the following positions open for immediate hire:

**MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST** - A.S.C.P. or ready to take exam

**TRIBAL SYSTEMS INSTRUCTOR** - required business degree or related background

**CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT INSTRUCTOR** - required background in vocational and or industrial educational instruction

**RADIO DISPATCHER** - preferred experience operating radio systems and or familiar with medical terminology

**REGISTERED NURSE** - required registered nurse license

**LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE** - required licensed practical nurse license

**HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR** - preferred advanced degree and required experience in hospital administration

For additional information, call, write or send resume to: Sandra Rana, Personnel Officer, P.O. Box 1114, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

## DEDICATION CONTINUED...

Guest speakers will be Senator Henry Bellmon and Emory Johnson, Assistant Surgeon General, Director of Indian Health Service.

Master of Ceremonies will be Glenn Moore. The Eufaula All-Indian Honor Guard will be in attendance and V.F.W. Post No. 5 of Okemah will make a special presentation to Chief Cox for the hospital.

Other national and local government officials are expected to be on hand for the occasion.

## Revival...

Silver Springs Indian Church will be holding a revival starting at 7:30 p.m. nightly, May 8 thru 14, with Rev. Thompson Billy of Muskogee conducting services. Silver Springs is located 8 1-2 miles west of Henryetta on 140 at Tiger Mountain exit.

## Festival Funds...

The Festival Committee is planning a food sale, bingo and all day tournaments for Saturday, May 20, in Yeager.

The food sale begins at 11 a.m. and bingo at 2 p.m. Tournaments in volleyball, softball and horseshoes will continue throughout the day.

Each participating community needs to bring \$10 of prizes for bingo.

The Committee would appreciate your attendance. The proceeds are going towards making the '78 Festival the best ever!

For more information, contact Steve Wilson, Community Organization Specialist, (918) 756-8500.

## Olympic Changes..

The Committee on the Creek Nation Olympics held a meeting on April 15, and the following changes came about as a result of this meeting.

The age group 19-20 years old has been added.

All participants need certified proof of age when registering, i.e., birth certificate, driver's license, etc.

Starting blocks will be allowed. Individuals may bring their own or some will be available at the field.

All complaints concerning the Olympics will be taken to the Finish Line Records Keepers table and these people will take them to the Meet Director.

The Mixed Age Relays have been dropped from the schedule.

## Thank You...

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to the merchants in Okmulgee, Henryetta, Schuller and the community people and employees of Creek Nation who gave contributions and participated in the BENEFIT BINGO AND CAKE WALK for Kelly Renee Willie (Bear). Kelly was admitted into St. Louis Shriner's Cripple Childrens Hospital on Tuesday, April 25, 1978, for an operation that she will undergo on May 8, 1978, for a birth defect.

Proceeds from the benefit will help Kelly's mother, Katherine Willie with additional expenses. Thank you.

## CNAA Women Win Consolation Trophy

Creek Nation Athletic Association's all star women's team won fifth place in the Shawnee Tournament March 17-24, bringing home the consolation trophy.

The members of the team, coached by Wallace Barnes, were: Janice Frye, Kathy Frazier, Sarah Factor, Etta Connors, Josie Fields, Diane Lewis, Lizann Holata, Josephine Harjo and Karen Boyce.

## NOTICE

We, the Seminole Tribe, are continuing the process of "enrollment." If you have submitted an application, a birth certificate or an heirship document must accompany your application. If you submitted an "application to vote," it does not apply for "Enrollment." You still need to fill out an application form for "enrollment." Make sure you have submitted all legal documents necessary for enrollment to the Tribal Enrollment Office, P.O. Box 956, Wewoka, Oklahoma 74868.

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS:** Invitation for bids to construct Streets, Storm Sewers, Sanitary Sewers and Water Mains, The Creek Nation will receive bids by registered mail until 12:00 noon and will receive hand delivered bids from 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, at the Creek Nation Capitol Complex, Tribal Council Room on June 5, 1978. The Creek Nation Tribal Council Room is located in the Tribal Office Complex at the Northwest entrance of the Creek Nation Capitol Complex. The Capitol Complex is located on the southeast corner of the intersection of U.S. Highway 75 and State Highway 56 Bypass, North of Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Mailing address for all bids is, Creek Nation, P.O. Box 1114, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, 74447. Attention: Mr. Charles P. Meloy. At 3:00 p.m., June 5, 1978, all bids will be opened and read aloud in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Bids are for Street, Storm Sewers, Sanitary Sewers and Water Mains for the Creek Nation. The location of the project is on Creek Nation Capitol Complex, Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Description of project: Construction of the Streets include approximately 33,000 sq. yds. of surfacing and 2,300 lin. ft. of storm sewer together with other related surfacing and drainage construction items. Construction of the Sanitary Sewers include one lift station and approximately 5,900 lin. ft. of 8 in. 12 in. sanitary sewer together with other related construction items. Construction of the Water Mains include approximately 5,800 lin. ft. of 6 in. and 8 in. water mains together with other related

construction items. Proposed forms of contract documents, including 2 sets of plans and specifications are on file and may be viewed at the Dodge Office, 4436 South Harvard, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Southwest Construction News Service, 4221 South Sheridan Road, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and the office of the Engineer, K.N. Cox and Associates, 324 Main Mall, Suite 200, Tulsa, Oklahoma. General contractors may obtain copies of these documents upon deposit of \$50.00 per set, check made payable to K.N. Cox and Associates. Any unsuccessful bidder, upon returning such set promptly and in good condition, will be refunded his payment, and any non-bidder upon so returning the such set will be refunded \$20.00. The owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids. Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract. The Creek Nation requires that no bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the Creek Nation. Upon award of contract to successful bidder the contract will be completely executed within ten (10) days from the date of award and bid bonds will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. The successful bidder shall commence work at the site with men, material and equipment by July 3, 1978.





GINGER LEE

## Creek Princess Urges Girls To Enter Contest

Ginger Lee, 1977 Creek Nation Princess, first entered the princess contest at the urging of a relative. "I wanted to learn about what was going on and meet new Creek People," said Ginger, 19, of Dewar Indian Community.

After winning the two day pageant during '77 Creek Nation Festival, Ginger attended the rest of the Festival's activities. That was the beginning of a busy year for this pretty Creek girl.

Ginger went to parades, community meetings, modeled in style shows and represented Creek Nation in other contests and pageants. She won first runner-up in the National American Indian Rodeo Queen Contest and has made Creek culture speeches to numerous civic and community organizations.

Ginger has words of encouragement for girls who are thinking of entering the 1978 Creek Princess pageant. "A girl can't be shy, because she'll have to speak in front of people. It's a lot of fun, though, getting to later meet those people. The Creek Princess," continued Ginger, "must be friendly to everyone and do her best to represent Creek people. It was an honor to be a Creek Princess for a year. It was great knowing that all the people were backing me. I couldn't have done it without them."

Ginger is a student at Connors State Junior College, planning to transfer to OSU next spring, majoring in art and fashion designing. She is involved in Indian Club and plays softball and basketball. Ginger and her parents, Woody and Bobbie Lee, are members of Dewar Indian Community.

## Fast Pitch Tourney Set May 26-28

An all-Indian Men's fast pitch softball tournament will be sponsored by Creek Nation Athletic association May 26 thru 28 at City Park in Okmulgee.

The tournament is limited to 16 teams with an entry fee of \$40. 1st., 2nd., and 3rd., Place team and individual trophies will be awarded. May 10 is deadline for entries. Contact Wallace Barnes, Athletic Association Chairman, at 918-733-4703.

## Creek Girls Win Tourney At Sulfur

BY STEVE WILSON

Creek Nation's all-star girls basketball team, The "Creek Hoktes" won first place at the Five Tribes Basketball Tournament sponsored by Chicksaw Nation at Mill Creek, April 14 and 15.

Coached by Wallace Barnes, chairman of the Creek Nation Athletic Association, the girls played two games in the three-team tournament. The "Creek Hoktes" won the tournament by beating the Chicksaw S. Kell team twice. The championship game went into overtime before key baskets by Diane Lewis of Yardeka and Karen Long of Okmulgee brought home the victory scores for the Championship trophy. Each of the girls were given individual trophies for their efforts. They all played hard for the championship.

Girls representing Creek Nation were: Kathy Fraser, Janice Fry, Etta Connor, Josephine Harjo, Jimmy Jo Larney, Diane Lewis, Rosie Smith, Karen Long, and Minnie Long.

Creek Nation's all-star men's team, the "Red Sticks", coached by Steve Wilson, lost their first game in the tournament by five points. This forced the team to play a total of six games in one day. The "Red Sticks" came back with great effort and determination to eventually beat the Chicksaw Chiefs, who had put them in the loser's bracket at first. Without resting, the "Red Sticks" then had to play the Mill Creek team again. The toll of playing five hard games was evident as the Creek "Red Sticks" lost the championship game.

Men representing the Creek "Red Sticks" were Buddy King, Bodie Thompson, Larry Brennan, Robert Huft, Max Frye, Sanford Cooper, Billy Coon, Captain Smith, Famous Marshall, Bobby Long and Rick Wolfe.

Both the men and women's teams deserve congratulations for the effort and determination they displayed in the tournament. The Creek people can be proud of them for representing Creek Nation. Also a special thank-you to the people who went to Chicksaw Nation to cheer the teams to victory.

## Bowling Tourney

Final standings of the All Indian Bowling Tournament held at Beeline Bowl, April 29 and 30 were:

### MEN SINGLES

1. Eddie Bailey, 633; 2. Jerry Whitetree, 607; 3. Clifford White, Ed Clark, Bill White, 599.

### WOMEN SINGLES

1. Martha Wind, 640; 2. Helena McCoy, 623.

### DOUBLES

Earl Dunson-Genevieve White, 1252; 2. Frankie Watson-Dan Watson, 1250; 3. Bert Moses-Mary Moses, 1233.

### ALL EVENTS

Men-Chowella Franklin, 1596; Women-Genevieve White, 1539.

### TEAM

1. El Reno, 2425; 2. Dunson-White, 2374; 3. Bernice Fish-Gene Roberts, 2366.



DIANE LEWIS

## Creek Senior Salutarian

Diane Lewis, a full-blood Creek-Chickasaw and senior of Graham High School, Weleetka, Ok, has been selected salutarian of her graduating class, maintaining a 3.6 grade point average in her high school years at Graham.

She has won a number of awards including the American Legion Essay Contest, 3 years in a row, 2 years as an area school winner and 1 year as 3rd place winner in the District contest.

She placed 2nd in the First Annual Creek Nation Literature Contest. Diane received the Oklahoma History award during her freshman year. She is a 4-year letterman in basketball, a 1978 all-conference basketball player, and voted the best-dressed girl of Graham High School.

Diane is the 18-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Lewis, Henryetta. She is planning to attend Connors State College in Warner to major in communications with hopes of becoming a radio or T.V. news broadcaster.

## NOTICE

Registered voters who do not have an ID card or have changed addresses please contact Kay Willie, Creek Nation, P.O. Box 1114, Okmulgee, OK 74447

## Creek Golf Tournament Scheduled At Fountainhead

--The Second Annual Creek Golf Tournament will be held June 24 & 25 in conjunction with Creek Festival '78 at beautiful Fountainhead State Park Golf Course. The course is located on Lake Eufaula off I40 between Henryetta and Checotah.

Qualifications will begin Saturday, June 24, with starting times on the hour, from 8 a.m. through 1 p.m. for Flights A, B, C, and D. Championship Flight may be declared, however, you must compete in two day, 36 hole medal play competition with no qualifying round.

For pre-registration forms, contact Rick Kelly, ac 918-756-8500, ex. 34 or write: Creek Nation Golf Tournament, P.O. Box 1114, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447.

Registration forms should be returned no later than June 10. Any registered golfer unable to attend should notify Kelly no

later than June 17 for a refund of entry fee. High school students entry fee is \$20. all others are \$25. All fees will go to the expense of the tournament.

## Texhoma Rodeo Co. Stock Contractors For Creek Rodeo

Creek Nation All-Indian Rodeo has been scheduled for June 23 and 24 in Okmulgee. The rodeo will be part of Creek Nation Festival '78. The rodeo is sanctioned by All-Indian Rodeo Association of Oklahoma.

Rodeo performances will begin nightly at 8 p.m. (slack 10 a.m. Saturday). The events, prize monies and entry fees are:

Saddle Bronc Riding, \$300, \$20.

Bareback Bronc Riding, \$200, \$20.

Bull Riding, \$200, \$20.

Cowgirl Barrel Racing, \$200, \$20.

Calf Roping, \$200, \$20.

Steer Wrestling, \$200, \$25.

Team Roping, \$200, \$25 per man. (Change partner, enter twice)

Texoma Rodeo Company, Sonny Parrett, manager, is the stock contractor. Trophy buckles will be awarded in each event and for all around.

Books will open at 8 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. June 22. All participants must be 1/4 or more Indian with a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood.

The arena is located one mile south and 1/2 mile east of Okmulgee. A \$50 drawing will be held nightly and winners must be present to collect prize money.

Tickets are being sold by the rodeo committee. Advance tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. Ticket prices at the gate are \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

For additional information, call (918) 756-1631.

## Inter-Tribal Council History For Sale

1949-1976

The Creek Nation offers for sale the "History of the Inter-Tribal Council 1949-1976" for the amount of \$5.95.

The History covers the evolution of the Inter-Tribal Council through the period of the 50's, 60's, and 70's, which should make a collector's item and a reference source for anyone's interest.

The history is being offered for sale through the Office of the Executive Archives for which proceeds from the sale of this item will go for the further development of the Creek Nation Library.

Make cashier's check or money order payable to Creek Nation and remit payment to: Creek Nation, Executive Archives, P.O. Box 1114, Okmulgee, OK 74447



Rodeo Committee members, back row, left to right: Stan Wells, Bill Gamble, Eddie Moore, Dan Burgess, Juanita Dunson, Gene Dunson, president, Bob Hardridge, Bob Arrington, President of AIRAO. SEATED (left to right) Marie Gamble, Bonnie Green, Pat Presson, secretary; Josephine Wilson and Mary Alexander.



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## Creek Nation Hospital Officially Dedicated

Creek Nation Community Hospital was officially dedicated May 13 in Okemah. The dedication of this hospital was a unique event, in that Creek Nation Community Hospital is the first and only tribally operated hospital in U.S. history.

Because of this unprecedented status, several hundred persons attended the dedication, including Senator Henry Bellmon, IHS Director Dr. Emory Johnson and 45 original Creek allottees.

Jonas Partridge, retired Sapulpa minister, acted as master of ceremonies. He expressed his personal pride and appreciation in the hospital, saying "It is through the grace of God that we got our own hospital."

After Reverend Lee Chupco gave the opening invocation, Truman O'Dell of Okemah VFW unit presented an American flag to the Eufaula All-Indian Honor Guard for a flag raising ceremony. The members of the Honor Guard were Jimmy Walker, Franklin Belcher, Sy Hill and Eunah Marshall.

In his opening address, Chief Claude Cox expressed his gratefulness to all who had tackled the idea of opening the hospital under Creek Nation management. "This is one of the greatest steps of my administration," he said. "This hospital is tops. We've waited for 70 years for a good health program for Creek people. I'm thankful to be here to see

this event today. It's good," he continued, "to see how much Creek Nation has grown- may progress continue."

Dr. Emory Johnson, Director of Indian Health Service and Assistant Surgeon General of the United States, flew to Oklahoma from Washington D.C. for the event. "For many years," he commented, "health care has been available to Creek people, but from great distances. They had to drive miles for emergency and inpatient care. But Chief Cox dreamed of something better for his people."

Dr. Johnson praised Creek Nation leaders for "seeing the opportunity in this fine building and planning to serve health needs of Indian people as well as friends and neighbors of the community."

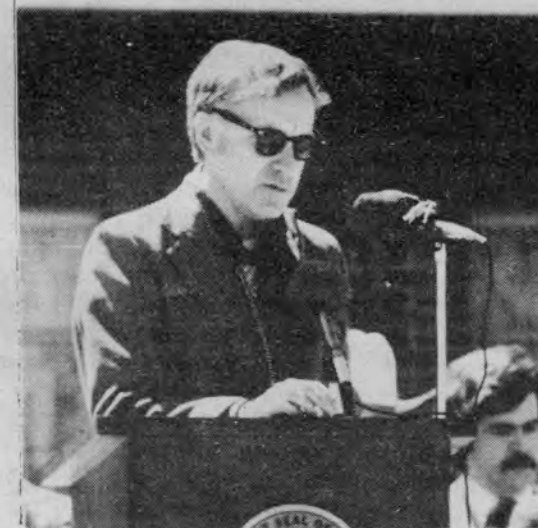
He concluded his speech by saying he believed that caring for the health needs of Indian people was the most important accomplishment. "The Creek hospital has set a precedent and will be a model that other tribes and organizations across the U.S. will follow."

Senator Henry Bellmon is credited with pushing the necessary legislation through a congressional committee for the hospital. The Senator attended the dedication was introduced by Chief Cox as "the great man who helped make this possible."

Bellmon noted that second class health care had become the norm for Indian



Chief Cox



Dr. Emory Johnson



Senator Henry Bellmon

Health Services facilities - not because IHS was incapable of providing proper care but because of lack of funding. "Indian hospitals are not adequate," he stated, "and this hospital is the fulfillment of a dream."

"We are here at a dedication ceremony for the first time in our nation's history to dedicate a facility run by Indian people for the benefit of an entire community. This has set a precedent and pattern for Oklahoma and other states. I wish to congratulate you in making a historic forerunner for providing good health care to all people. I commend Chief Cox and wish

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## Employment Office Opens In Okemah

Creek Nation Employment and Training Services opened a branch office May 30 in Okemah, according to Buddy York, supervisor of all Creek Nation Employment and Training Services facilities.

The office, located at 412 W. Broadway, will provide the same services as the other Employment and Training Services offices. Services in counseling, job developing and placement in summer youth work programs and elderly work

programs will be available.

Fredo Anderson will manage the Okemah office. The main office is located in Okmulgee with branch offices in Tulsa, Sapulpa and Eufaula.

Approximately 800 persons are employed and trained yearly under the many programs offered by this department.

For information about the new Okemah office and eligibility requirements, contact Buddy York (918) 756-6181.



# Creek Nation Forum

## GED Students Congratulated

By David King

Education provided by the Creek Nation for our Creek people is a long and never ending process. Although education is of great importance within the Creek Nation you seldom hear of its accomplishments and often of its downfalls but I'm sure there are many people who are grateful to the education programs of the Creek Nation.

The Adult Education Department of the Division of Human Development has decreased in its number of General Education Diplomas (High School Graduation Equivalency) its

students have received but in no way has it ceased in its service to the Creek people.

There are students now in the process of obtaining their goal of a GED diploma. Obtaining this goal is often a long and hard road. The people who have been through this program are to be congratulated and those who are still in the program need to be encouraged.

The GED is a great accomplishment within itself but it is also only a spring board toward higher goals.

We of the Adult Education Program congratulate those who have obtained one or many of their life goals through our program.

## Resolutions Passed By Council

On April 29, five resolutions were passed by the National Council of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation by a unanimous vote. Solomon McCombs, Vice-Chief presided over the quarterly Council Meeting.

All the resolutions were introduced by Glenn Moore. The purpose of the five resolution are as listed below: NCR 78-48 To request an authorization of an additional \$25,000 in expret witness funds for the completion of preparatory work in the Railroad Reservation Suit. NCR 78-49 To oppose the consolidation of the

Muscogee and Anadarko Area Offices of the Bureau of Indian Affairs into a single Area Office for the State of Okla. NCR 78-50 To support a two-year extension of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs. NCR 78-51 To prevent the transfer of the Office of Indian Education from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. NCR 78-52 To endorse the establishment and operation of the Eastern Oklahoma Indian Health Board as an advisory body on common issues affectig Indians.

## Creek Constitution Commission Considering Chairman Selection

On September 1, 1976, the Creek Constitution Commission was created as a result of the Harjo vs. Secretary of Interior lawsuit. The lawsuit was executed due to a dispute over the nature of the Creek constitution.

Four commission members were appointed under the court order at that time. Robert Trepp and Edward Mouss were appointed by Chief Claude Cox. Al Harjo and Bryant Jesse were appointed by the plaintiffs. The court order specified that a fifth commission member, unanimously selected by the other com-

missioners, would serve as chairman. The chairman will play an important role in the Commission's decisions.

The Commission remained inactive from September 1, 1976 until January 10, 1978 and held no negotiations for chairman selection. On January 10, the four commissioners met and began to establish criteria for a chairman that would be agreeable to all.

During an open meeting in Henryetta May 19, the Commissioners agreed that the chairman must be 1) Creek, 2) fluent in Creek and English, and 3) employed a non-governmental organ-

ization. Congress has established a 1980 deadline after which the U.S. government will be barred from suing to recover damages on behalf of Indian tribes or individuals whose lands are held in trust or restricted status.

The Department of the Interior is urging all tribal organizations and individual Indians to file any claims by December 1, 1978 so that the department can analyze each claim and decide the correct disposition before the deadline.

The statute of limitations specified that where acts took place on or before July 18, 1966, the claim will be barred unless the United States files suit before April 1, 1980.

If the events took place after July 18, 1966, the

lawsuit must be filed within six years and 90 days following the occurrence.

The status applies to all cases where the U. S. Government has authority to sue to recover money damages on behalf of an Indian tribe or Indian individual by virtue of its trust responsibility to protect Indian property rights.

The statute applies to lawsuits arising out of a wrongful act or omission or the breach of a contract.

This includes claims for the unauthorized use of Indian property, for the use, occupation or alienation of Indian property under an agreement which was not finalized in accord with applicable rules and regulations, and for damage to Indian property in the

course of using it.

Also, claims for the use of the property in a manner other than what was agreed upon, and for failure to adhere to the terms of a valid contract.

The statute does not apply to any claim which Indians may have against the United States or any officer of the United States.

The Interior Department is asking all tribal organizations and individual Indians to examine their own records and report any possible claims to the Bureau of Indian Affairs agency or area office.

A form that is to be used for filing a claim for possible action by the United States against a 'third party' for money damages is found on page 8.

## Proposed Education Plan Creates Uproar

TRIBES ARE IN TURMOIL over a plan made public April 14 by President Carter's White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to remove all education operations from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) without involving them in the process of consultation before such plans were announced.

The Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs heard Indian testimony May 16 on S. 991 the bill to create a new Department of Education. Overwhelmingly, the word from Indian country was that they did now want Indian education programs transferred from BIA to this new department. The pre-hearing rumor was that the tribal representatives would be split, three would be for and three against the move.



Interior Assistant Secretary Forrest Gerard, in Oklahoma City May 17-19 for a meeting of BIA Area Directors, was reported in the Saturday Oklahoman and Times to have said that he opposed the transfer of BIA education programs to the Administration's proposed new Department of Education. The issue presents a most difficult situation to Gerard. His alternatives are to express honestly his opposition despite White House admonitions that the proposal is to be supported, avoid the issue as much as possible by "no comment" responses when pushed for a statement, or force himself to speak with the Administration's voice—even though that violates previous promises and commitments

made to the Indian people.

The Yakima Nation Review in its May 10 issue published Gerard comments made in April in a memo to Interior Secretary Andrus. He said in this memo: "The Indian people are not so naive nor am I naive, as to think that the unique trust relationship with Indian tribes will continue if these programs and services are fragmented throughout the Federal Government in the absence of a clear statement of policy and an appropriate protectorate system in place prior to significant transfers of BIA functions and authorities....And further, and perhaps most objectionable, the (White House) document specifically disdains the opinions of the very Indian people whose lot it professes to improve."

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# INDIANS ON THE INSIDE: LIFE IN BIG MAC

BY KATHRYN BELL

The face of McAlester State Prison has been a changing one since the violence of the infamous riot of 1973, in which 12 inmates were killed. The seemingly tranquil facade and orderliness of the system hardly appears to bear witness to the mayhem of the riot. One is quick to think that all at last is back to a state of normalcy—particularly under the administration of the new warden, Norman Hess, who assumed the post February 1 of this year.

But behind the facade and into the heart of the prison where the gutted, burned out old hospital building still stands as a grim reminder, the prisoners, for whom the riot was a reality, still remember—

"My first reaction to the riot was 'joy'—it was seeing something that you hated going down..." recalls inmate Robert A., 32-yr. old Creek serving time for larceny of an automobile. "I have no regrets. We felt that the riot would eventually help in changing the policies and attitudes of this place. At the time of the riot there was a political hold on the prison—the riot had to change that—no one was concerned about the prisoners... I think McAlester has a long way to go, and the aftermath of the riot is still present: security is tight and guns are everywhere..."

However, the inmates interviewed did comment on changes at the prison under the administration of Warden Hess.

"The tense atmosphere that former Warden Crisp created is gone, but the policies still appear to be the same. I can't see very many meaningful changes yet—except the guards have stopped beating the inmates—Hess has stopped this," stated inmate Robert A. and inmate Andrew C., 30, a Seminole-Creek, convicted

on a 20 yr. second degree burglary charge, felt that "if changes have been made—the prisoners haven't felt them yet."

Comments on Hess's administrations from the Indian female prisoners included: "Hess has lengthened husband-wife visits, which is very important to us and has allowed us to order arts and crafts materials so that we can make crafts to enter in local festivals and craft shows," stated inmate Darlene E., 31, Ponca-Creek. (At the time of the interview, the women prisoners, totaling 65 women inmates—of which only 3 were Indian, were getting ready to exhibit their beautifully done crafts (macrame, crochet pieces etc.) in McAlester's annual Italian festival.)

Other favorable comments on positive effects of Hess's administration pertained to Hess's wife who "donates her time to teach us macrame—she pushes for more activities for us women."

The subject of activity appeared to be of great importance to the incarcerated inmates, not only in terms of being a contributing factor of attitude, but to the physical aspects of the prisoner as well. "One of the women prisoners remarked," although we are supposed to get one hour of recreation a day, weather permitting, it isn't enough to keep us in good physical shape—that's why we're all so fat!"

The humor in the statement day-to-day routine of inmate Robert A., who has spent 8 years in the maximum security of the East Cell Block: "I am up at 5:30 a.m. with breakfast and then back to my cell. Then I go out at 8:30 a.m. for basketball or weights in the Yard, (Note: the "Yard" is a concrete recreation area where 300-400 prisoners may be together at the same time.) I

return at 11 a.m., eat and go back to the yard until 3 p.m. I return to my cell at 5 or 6 p.m. and that's the end of the day..." Robert A., because of his maximum security status, does not have jobs assigned to him, nor can he seek a job. He isn't allowed to visit the library, although he can have books brought to him "if available".

The daily schedule of inmate Andrew C. confined in medium security is more physically stimulating: "Up at a 5:30 a.m. breakfast and at 7:15 I am at work in the industrial area until 11 a.m. when I eat lunch. I go back to work and I am off at 2:30—I go back to my cell at 4:30, have chow, back to my cell for awhile then out to the Yard to work out." Andrew C.'s advantage of having one of the scarce jobs at the prison, not only helps to "work his time off" but gives him a salary of approximately \$15 a month which is put into a trust fund for regular withdrawal. The jobs, which one guard said there are 100 applicants per job, provide "incentive work credits"—for each day that is worked, two days are deducted from the prisoner's sentence.

The women's routines provide more enriching types of activities although the daily routine is much like that of the mens—with the jobs held by the women consisting of work crews, such as the yard crew, field crew, kitchen crew with occasional cleaning details open at the Warden's residence—from 6-8 hours daily can be spent in the Voc-Rehabilitation secretarial course. Leisure time can be spent making crafts or other individual projects.

Also available for the women inmates are art enrichment programs such as the bi-monthly art classes conducted by ex-inmate and Indian painter, Leo Chandler. Various poets and other resource people having a craft of skill pertaining to the arts have conducted classes for the incarcerated women through Oklahoma Arts and Humanities. According to female inmate participant, the confined women take advantage of these classes when they are available. "These programs help the moral of the women and gives them something to

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# Longest Walk Opposes Anti-Indian Legislation

Many Indians have heard of the "Longest Walk", a peaceful protest march from California to Washington D.C. The Walk was organized by several Indian leaders in protest to potentially damaging legislation that is currently before the U.S. Congress.

Almost 100 tribes and several hundred walkers have become involved in the Walk, which plans to reach Washington in July. The leaders will then request a meeting with President Jimmy Carter to discuss the legislation and smoke the peace pipe with him.

Many Indians have heard of this effort but have not had an opportunity to read the anti-Indian legislation.

**(H.R. 9054)** "Native American Equal Opportunity Act of 1977"- Cunningham of Washington.

This bill would abrogate all treaties, terminate all Indian tribes (allowing the members to vote for a corporation to replace tribal ownership of lands and property), terminate all

programs for Indian people, and forever extinguish all tribal rights arising out of treaties with the United States.

**(H.R. 9950)** "Omnibus Indian Jurisdiction Act of 1977"- Meeds of Washington.

This bill would prohibit all tribal jurisdiction (including civil jurisdiction) over non-Indians and further limit tribal powers internally. It raises questionable new issues of Indian law, and would harm tribal government.

**(H.R. 9951)** "Quantification of Federal Reserved Water Rights for Indian Reservations Act"- Meeds of Washington.

Tribal water rights would be quantified according to actual use during the past five years, thus limiting future development of tribal water rights. In addition, the quantification of such rights would be placed in state courts, instead of the courts of the tribes which the prior and paramount right to the use of such waters.

**(H.R. 9736)** "Steelhead

Trout Protection Act"- Cunningham of Washington.

Aimed at the treaty fishing rights of the Northwest tribes, this bill would limit the purposes for which those rights can be exercised, thus making illegal the tribal development of trout as a commercial product.

**(H.R. 9175)** "Washington State Fishing and Hunting Equal Rights Act"- Cunningham of Washington.

Aimed at the treaty hunting and fishing rights of the Northwest tribes, this bill would eliminate all off-reservation hunting and fishing without a state license.

**(H.R. 4169)** "State of Maine Aboriginal Claims Act of 1977"- Cohen and Emery of Maine.

This bill would extinguish, without adequate compensation, the aboriginal claims of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes to about 40 percent of the state of Maine. This would also supercede an agreement presently being worked out by the tribes, the state, and the U.S.

**(H.R. 9906)** "State of New York Aboriginal Claims Act of 1977"- Walsh of New York.

This bill would extinguish, without adequate compensation, the aboriginal claims of the Seneca, Cayuga, Oneida, Mohawk and Onondaga tribes of the Iroquois Confederacy.

**(H.J.R. 1)** "Joint Resolution relating to Hunting and Fishing Rights"-Meeds, Bonker, Dicks, Foley, Pritchard and McCormack of Washington and Oregon.

This resolution would end the off-reservation hunting and fishing rights, established by treaty, of the Northwest tribes.

**(H.J.R. 206)** "Joint Resolution relating to regulation by the States of certain Indian hunting and fishing rights"- Dingle, of Michigan.

This resolution would place all off-reservation hunting and fishing by Indians under the jurisdiction of the respective state, allowing states to set limits, seasons, and other requirements which would not take into account Indian

lifestyles, economic dependency upon hunting and fishing, and traditional practices.

**(S.1437)** "Criminal Code Reform Act of 1978"- Kennedy, of Massachusetts.

This is a recodification of the entire U.S. criminal code. Two "Major Crimes" are added to the list of crimes which the federal courts enforce upon Indian lands: "reckless endangerment", which is not well defined, and embezzlement.

On the other hand, S. 1437 has important provisions relating to P.L. 280 tribes which were unilaterally placed under state jurisdiction in Nebraska, Minnesota and other states to retrocede their tribal powers without state consent. If this experiment works with P.L. 280 tribes, then Oklahoma retrocession would be helped.

The National Congress of American Indians has formally requested the LONGEST WALK coalition to reconsider its opposition to S. 1437.

## Dedication...

Creek Nation complete success in months and years ahead."

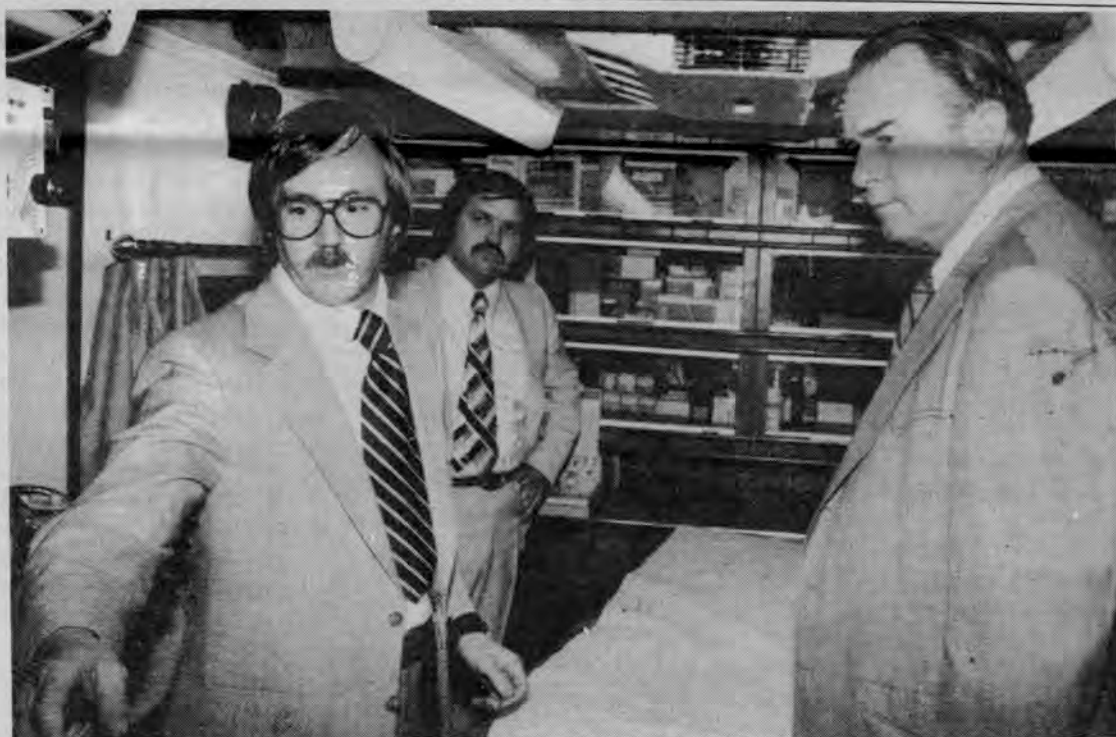
The special guests of the day were 45 original Creek allottees. A picnic was given in their honor at Okemah Park by Creek Nation community workers.

May 13 was a day that seemed almost impossible only 16 months ago. Early in 1977, Chief Cox and his staff began to think about gaining control of the Okfuskee County Memorial Hospital, then empty. They began meeting with IHS and political officials, in particular Senator Bellmon, to discuss the feasibility of a tribally operated hospital

that served a community as well as Indian people. A 1.7 million dollar grant was awarded Creek Nation in June, 1977 to open the hospital.

As plans on paper began to become a reality, many obstacles were faced before the hospital opened for services in February 23, 1978. Because the hospital is the first and only one of its kind, there was no established pattern to follow. It was a learning experience for everyone involved.

Today Creek Nation Community Hospital is in operation - a fully modern facility, meeting high medical standards in an effort to give Indian people the finest health care.



Senator Bellmon tours Creek Nation Mobil Clinic with clinic physician assistant Buddy Holmes and Mark Downing, manager of Community Health Services.



Creek original allottees were honored at a picnic after the dedication.



The flag was raised by the Eufaula All-Indian Honor Guard.



Jonas Partridge, retired Sapulpa minister, served as master of ceremonies.





## Wilburn Wiley Accepts Post As New CN Executive Director

Creek Nation is one of the largest, most active and progressive Indian tribes in the United States. Several million dollars of services each year are granted Creek Nation for the benefit of Creek people. Several hundred persons are employed by the tribe, all having a part in regulating and coordinating these services.

The bulk of administrative direction falls on two men—the Principal Chief and the Executive Director.

Experience, education and Creek background are beneficial attributes in Wilburn W. Wiley, Creek Nation's new Executive Director. "I have acquired the ability to foresee end results in many situations because of my years of

experience in working with people," said Wiley, 3/4 Creek.

Wilburn, the son of Mariah and Mose Wiley, was born in Dustin and raised on a farm, living a traditional Creek life, speaking the Creek language. Like most Indian boys, he enjoyed sports, fishing, hunting and horses.

After attending Graham Public Schools in Okfuskee County, Wilburn received a B.S. in pre-med and education from East Central State Teachers College. He was accepted at Vanderbilt Medical School but had to decline the opening because he lacked funds. Wiley has since received a M.S. degree in public administration from OSU and completed all but a few details in his doctorate dissertation in public administration and

finance from OU.

During World War II, he was stationed in England as an Air Force bomber pilot. He attained the rank of major in less than four years and received the Presidential Citation, Air Medal, Purple Heart and European Battle Ribbon.

Wiley's professional career began in 1948 as head football, basketball and baseball coach at Allen. He served as high school principal at Allen and Maud school systems until 1960.

For the next seventeen years, Wiley was superintendent of schools at Cromwell, Freedom, Boise City, Earlsboro and Wayne. For six months, he was director of Indian Education in Oklahoma before accepting his current position

as Executive Director. During his career as an education administrator Wiley was a leader in the Oklahoma Education Association, president of the thousand member Northwest Schoolmasters and served on the task force for Oklahoma Indian Education.

It is this realm of education and personal and professional experience that Mr. Wiley will use to guide Creek Nation affairs. "I can see a new era opening for Indian people, especially Creek Indians. Programs, through contracts, can be used to improve health standards, income standards and raise the standard of living for my people. It is the hope of the Executive Office to give guidance to young people through these programs to further increase their abilities and their desires for success through good leadership."

Mr. Wiley has set several goals for his administration. "I hope to promote an understanding of making each individual's abilities pay for himself-herself. I also hope to improve health of Indian people through proper dental and hospital care and to develop an educational system for Indian children from birth through college."

Other goals he named were to improve the income level through utilization of technical training for all who desire this training and help Creeks better understand who and what they are through cultural and historical pamphlets and letters. Wiley plans to use natural resources to attract other people to visit and learn of Creek culture. "My deepest desire is to help our people to become the proud Nation that it once was."

In order to accomplish these goals, Wiley plans to "employ and keep employed individuals whose drive is to see Creek Nation survive." He plans to negotiate contracts with the U.S.

government for proper funding, conduct an on-going analysis of each program, set short term, five year and ten year goals, evaluating and revising the goals at the end of each year to measure progress and he plans to place qualified persons in places of responsibility who will implement the precise goals of each contract. Wiley's personal goal is to "exert a constant effort from the Executive Office for improvement of each contract."

"I am very much aware of my unique position in the American races," commented Wiley on his heritage. "I am proud to be a decendent of the original inhabitants of America and most proud to be a member of the Creek Indian tribe. None other in the whole world, except another Indian, can feel pride to be what he is than those who are Indian themselves. No one can have that pride except us."

Mr. Wiley is happy to be back home with his people. "I have been away from my people for many years. The Creek language has slipped from my ability but I have found with pleasure that is has returned much faster than expected and I want to use my native language while talking with Creek people. I like the way Indians worship God and in all my outside work, the part of Indian life I missed the most was the deep, true feeling in how a man can feel close to God in Indian church. I also missed the food on which I was raised as an Indian boy. I am happy to be home."

Wilburn and his wife have three children and six grandchildren. Three of their grandchildren are a set of triplet boys. He has moved to Okmulgee and has settled back into Indian life and into his job of directing one of the strongest Indian tribes in the United States.

### Prison Cont. ...

look forward to."

But for the male inmate population for whom these types of programs are not available, morale is hard to bolster. According to the prisoners, the Yard is the main source of recreation although some pursue free time in the Law Library inside the walls.

The inmates had further discussion on the negative aspects of "too much time on our hands", which the interviewees felt was not only mentally, intellectually and physically unstimulating and led to stagnation, impaired the attitudes and often distorted reason and a purpose of prisons-inmate

rehabilitation. "I do not feel that prisons rehabilitate—instead prisoners often sit around thinking of ways to commit crimes on the outside when they finally get out, only this time they will be smart enough not to get caught," commented one inmate.

In view of the attitudes the inmate interviewees held about prison life, I inquired about any bitterness felt about being incarcerated, Inmate Robert A: "I was bitter once—but not now. I try to make it a learning experience, but I feel that I have paid for the crimes I have committed in this place devoid of human emotion—I've had friends killed here

and I've paid in terms of mental anguish and isolation from the outside world." Inmate Andrew C., who has served 11 months of his sentence on the inside, expressed no bitterness at being incarcerated for the crime he committed and felt that the experience had "made me better in some ways because I have a lot of time to think about what I did and to try and think things out."

Inmate Shirley M., 30, a South Dakota Sioux serving time for conviction of Robbery by Fear stated, "I'm not guilty and I am bitter—I was appointed a public defender. I'm Indian and I didn't get justice."

Inmate Darlene E., serving time for conviction of seven consecutive charges of grand larceny admitted, "I am guilty of my crimes and while I'm not happy about it I take my medicine." Inmate Pam B., 22, a Cheyenne Indian felt that she was "paying the consequences of my crime (burglary)".

Of the total inmate population (1148) at the 1,762 acre prison, the racial ratio is 60 percent white, 30 percent black and 10 percent Indian and Mexican. And as statistics indicate, the majority of incarcerated Native Americans are serving sentences for drug alcohol-related crimes, "70-

80 percent of the crimes committed by Indians here are drug or alcohol related, but mostly alcohol," stated Warden Hess. Hess believes that the inmates whose crimes are non-violent and alcohol related are not a major threat to society and theorized that an alternative would allow the offenders to live and work within their own communities during the day and return at night for confinement within that community's city or count of lock up unit until their sentences had been fulfilled. Hess also stated that an alcohol program functioning presently within the prison

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# CREEK NATION FEST

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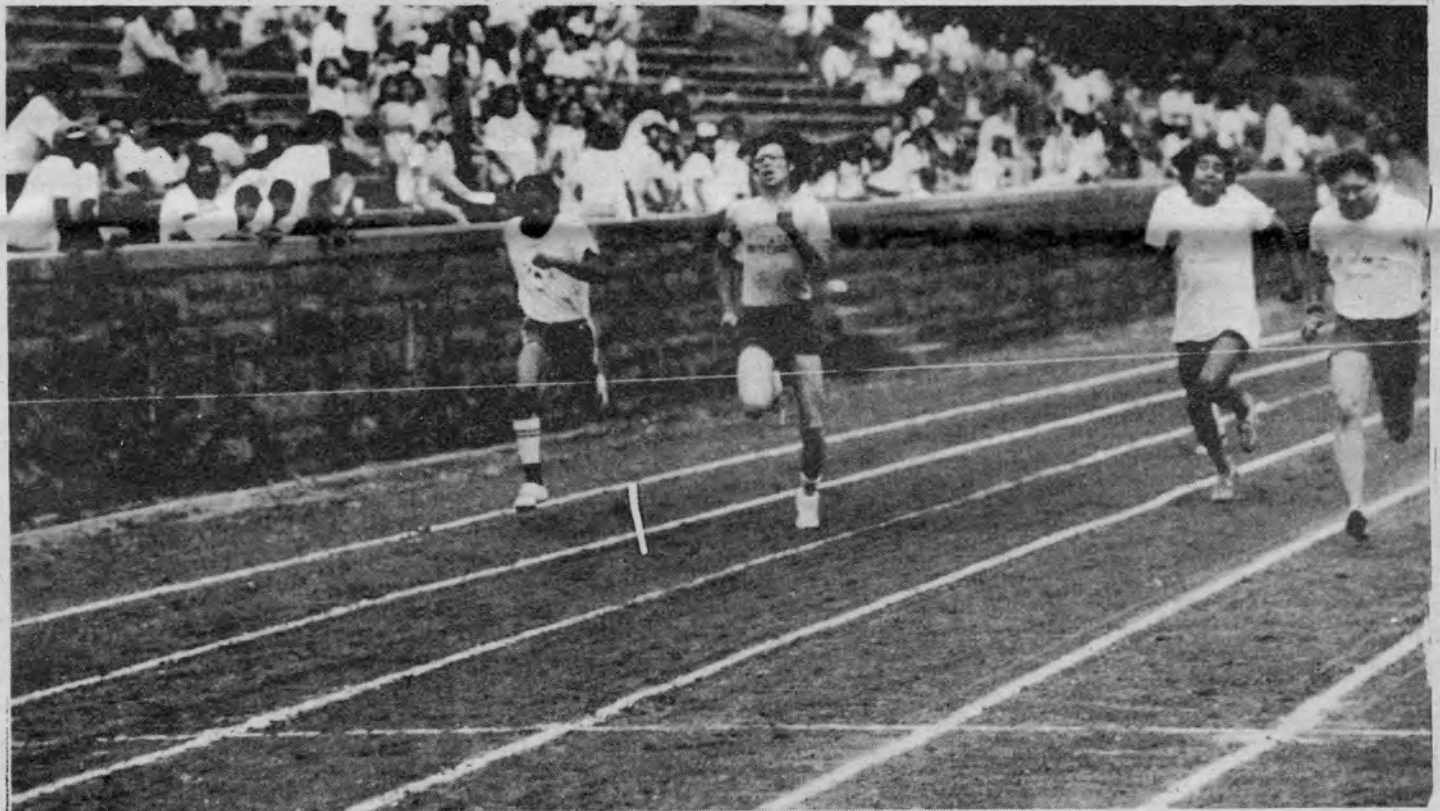
Indian students from all over the United States will be coming to Okmulgee June 23 and 24 for the National Indian Olympics. This Creek Nation sponsored event is drawing teams from as far as Washington, Florida, South Dakota and Arizona for track and field competition.

A staff of 35 has been preparing for several months for the students. Each participant can compete in three individual events and one relay. There is no limit on the number of students on each team. First, second and third place individual medals and team trophies will be awarded in true Olympic style with the winners receiving their honors on a three tiered stand. The gold, silver and bronze medals are hung on red, white and blue ribbons.

Registration will begin at 10 a.m. June 23 and the preliminaries beginning at 12 noon. Final competition will take place on Saturday, June 24 beginning at 10 a.m. Indians of  $\frac{1}{4}$  or more blood quantum are eligible to participate and proof of age and blood quantum is required. All protests should be taken to the finish line records table and will be forwarded to the Olympic Committee.

Each team is responsible for their own uniforms, housing and food although there will be food stand around the track. Camping facilities will be available.

Be sure not to miss this event when Indian students from all over the country will be competing for Olympic medals. For additional information, contact Dean Tiger or Kenneth Grimes, Olympic Directors, (918) 756-8800.

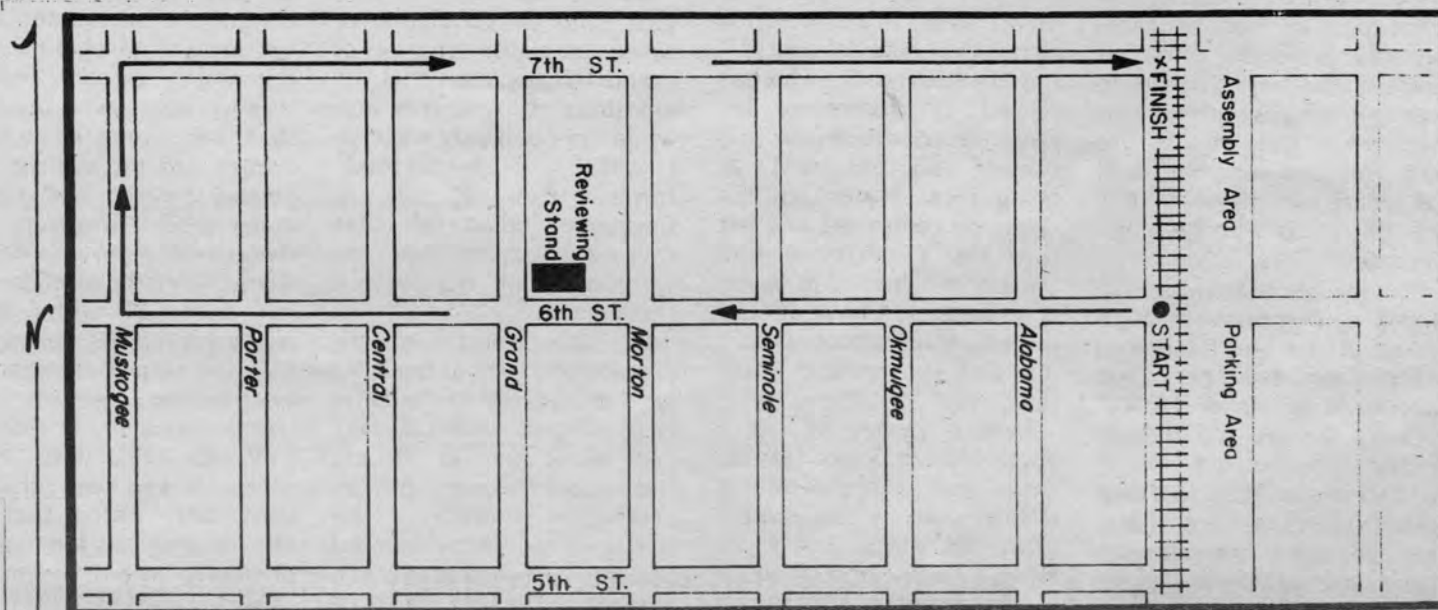


## PARADE

The annual Creek festival parade has been scheduled for Saturday, June 24 at 4 p.m. in Okmulgee. The parade is open to any group, organization, business or individual wishing to participate.

Cash prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place winners in the Creek Nation Community Float Division and Equestrian Units Division.

The Creek Community Float Division is open to organized Creek communities and is being sponsored by the Creek festival committee. The cash awards will be \$220, \$100 and \$75 for first, second and third places. Judging will be



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## RODEO



Creek Nation's All-Indian Rodeo has been scheduled for June 23 and 24 in Okmulgee. The rodeo is sanctioned by the All-Indian Rodeo Association of Oklahoma.

Performances will begin nightly at 8 p.m. (slack 10 a.m. Saturday). The events, prize awards and entry fees are: Saddle Bronc Riding, \$300, \$20; Bareback Bronc Riding, \$200, \$20; Bull Riding, \$200, \$20; Calf Roping, \$200, \$20; Cowgirl Barrel Racing, \$200, \$20; Steer Wrestling, \$200, \$20;

Team Roping, \$200, \$25 per man (change partner, enter twice). Trophy buckles will be awarded in each event and for all around.

Four-G Rodeo Company, of Tahlequah, Dale Glory manager, is the stock contractor. Rodeo personnel will be: Jack Whitecrow, announcer, Dave Knott, judge; James Calico, secretary; Tanny Hendrecks and Rhonda Pritchitt, timers; Connally Wilson, clown; and Hayw Pritchitt, pick-up man.

Books will open at 8 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. June 22.

All participants must be 1/4 or more Indian with a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood.

The arena is located one mile south and 1/2 mile east of Okmulgee. A \$50 drawing will be held nightly and winners must be present to collect prize money.

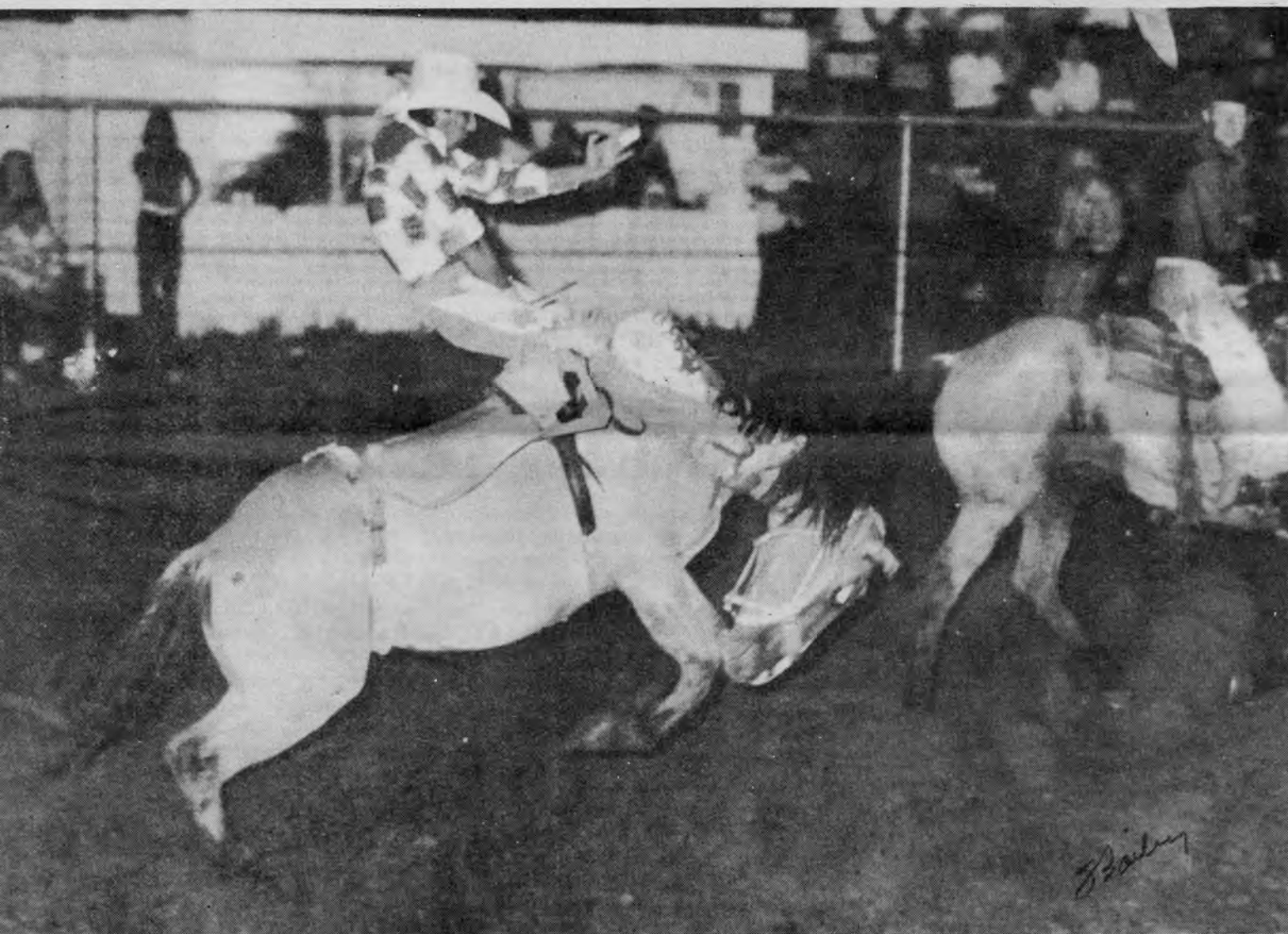
The Creek Nation Rodeo Queen contest is well under way with four girls competing for this title. They will be busy campaigning until the date of the rodeo.

The contestants are Debra Guthrie, Muskogee; Debra Griffith, Okmulgee; Tammi Harjo, Kellyville; and Robin Felix, Nuyaka. The girls will be selling advance rodeo tickets, raffle tickets for the stock trailer, and ads for the rodeo programs. With help from the communities, the contestants have been having food sales, pie and cake sales and many other activities for raising money.

The contestants are judged in four different areas—sale, personality, horsemanship and western appearance.

Tickets are also being sold by the rodeo committee. Advance tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

For further information, contact Ed Moore (918) 756-8500.



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## GOLF

The Second Annual Creek Nation Golf Tournament will be held at Fountainhead State Golf Course near Eufaula June 24 and 25. The tournament is expected to draw Indian Golfers from Oklahoma and surrounding areas.

Participants will tee off between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. The entry fee for men and women is \$25 including green fees. There will be a \$20 entry fee for those of high school age and younger. There will be six flights—Champion, A, B, C, D, and Ladies.

Awards, trophies and cash prizes will be presented to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each flight. Special awards for the "longest drive" and "closest to the pin" in each flight will also be presented. A special gift will be given to each competitor.

A social hour and dinner will be provided for the golfers Saturday afternoon beginning at four o'clock. For additional information, contact Rick Kelly (918) 756-8500.



## Division Of Community Services Announces Expansions

Gary Breshears, Director of Community Services for the Creek Nation, announced program expansions that will better serve the Indian people of the Creek Nation.

The Employment and Training Services Administration has opened field offices in Muskogee, Sapulpa, Eufaula, Tulsa, and Okemah. At these locations, as well as at the Okmulgee office, applications can be filed for direct employment, public service employment, general work experience, summer youth employment, on-the-job training, and classroom training. Over 500 people are currently receiving Creek Nation

paychecks for employment through this program and many are providing a valuable service to their local communities.

The Health Services Administration has taken steps to upgrade the level of health care delivered at the community level. Many of the positions have been raised to the professional level and have been programmed to offer a wider range of services. By August 1, 1978, the ambulance will be able to provide medical transport on a 24-hour basis. The addition of treatment medications to the mobile clinic has increased the effectiveness of the community health program.

When 28 radio-equipped

vehicles arrive, a health communications and transportation system will be available at the local level. Changes in the Creek Nation health program have drawn praise from government and elected officials at the national level.

The Environmental Service Administration has been providing home rehabilitation services for several years. The program is now placing special emphasis on environmental health. Working in close contact with the community health program, the Environmental Services Administration has added an environmental health technician, plumber, and

carpenter to develop and operate the new program. Currently offering a limited environmental health program, expansion is expected to include septic tank service, trash service, home safety and home maintenance by January 1, 1979.

The Social Research and Development Administration has been responsible for community organization. The Community Organization Specialist has assisted 26 development of by-laws, election of officers, and defining community needs. The communities presently employ 130 people throughout the Creek Nation. Another 260 youth workers are employed

through special programs. The organized community system enabled the distribution of garden seeds to 1300 Indian families and served as the mechanism to provide utility assistance to 380 Indian families totaling \$72,000. The organization has responded to varying needs from hospital emergencies to fund-raising for the Creek Nation festival and athletic association. A leadership workshop for 50 community coordinators and aides will be held at Fountainhead Lodge on July 10, 11, and 12, 1978.

Additional information concerning the Division of Community Services can be obtained by calling (918) 756-8500.

## Intake Form For Indian Use

(See Time Limit Set On Gov't Suits Page 2)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ROLL NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ TELE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 TRIBE \_\_\_\_\_ ARE YOU AN ENROLLED MEMBER? \_\_\_\_\_  
 WHO WAS THE ORIGINAL ALLOTTEE OR FROM WHOM DID YOU INHERIT LAND? DEGREE OF BLOOD \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ROLL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

1. Do you have a claim against a person or corporation for:

\_\_\_\_\_ Use of land, water, or minerals without your permission.

\_\_\_\_\_ Use of property with or without your permission, in a manner that caused damage to the property.

\_\_\_\_\_ Use of property with permission, by verbal or contract agreement but failed to pay.

\_\_\_\_\_ Loss of property for non-payment of taxes.

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

If so, how much are you owed? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2. During what years did this occur? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Has a claim about this been filed with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the past?

If so, what BIA office? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Status of land:

\_\_\_\_\_ Restricted allotted \_\_\_\_\_ Restricted Purchased \_\_\_\_\_ Restricted Inherited \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal

\_\_\_\_\_ Tax-exempt \_\_\_\_\_ Taxable \_\_\_\_\_ Sole ownership \_\_\_\_\_ Undivided interest \_\_\_\_\_ Trust

5. Name of present owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_

6. Legal Description: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Name and address of person(s) or corporation against whom you have this claim: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Describe the nature of your claim: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of person giving information

Signature of person taking information

## notice

There will be a curtailment of Claremore Indian Hospital Outpatient Services to patients during the period from JUNE 12 TO JULY 17, 1978. This is due to the shortage of available doctors to see clinic patients during the changeover of the physician staff.

Hospital officials are asking the cooperation of all

patients for routine check-ups to limit their visits to emergencies only. Certain patients such as Diabetics, Prenatals, Post-ops, and the seriously ill will be seen as determined by the physician.

The field clinics at Miami, Jay, Locust Grove, Okemah and Sapulpa will remain open for patient services during this period.

## Navajos Tax Business

Though several councilmen expressed fear of another lawsuit, the Navajo Tribal Council voted 43-11 to pass a Business Activity Tax expected to generate \$10-12 million the first year it is levied. The tax, aimed at the large energy companies will assess the gross receipts of

business at a rate of 5 percent. All retail businesses and traditional livestock and farming activities are exempted from the measure. The tribe is now facing suits on its recently passed possessory interest tax and its penalty on sulfur emissions.

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## Indian Foods

Find the following food items that make up the Creek people's diet and circle each one. A list of the words in the puzzle is given.

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|---------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. Sofke      | 8. Strawberries | 15. Rabbit       |
| 2. Fry Bread  | 9. Hickory nuts | 16. Quail        |
| 3. Corn       | 10. Beans       | 17. Blackberries |
| 4. Squirrel   | 11. Pumpkin     | 18. Hominy       |
| 5. Persimmons | 12. Squash      | 19. Onions       |
| 6. Plums      | 13. Deer        | 20. Blue bread   |
| 7. Grapes     | 14. Turkey      |                  |



# Creek Nation Olympic Team Selected

The Creek Nation Community Olympics was held June 3 in Okmulgee to select the finest Creek athletes to represent Creek Nation in the National Indian Olympics later this month. 127 students, aged 10 to 20, will compete during the Creek Festival June 23 and 24 against teams from all over the United States.

Fifteen communities entered a total of 193 participants. They competed in the 50, 75, 100, 220, 440 and 880 yard dashes, one mile run, 120 low hurdles, 440 relay, mixed relays, long jump, broad jump, high jump, softball throw and shot put.

The three community teams accumulating the

most points won trophies. The winning communities were Morris Community-first, Dewar Community-second, Wetemka Community-third. The top three winners in each individual event received gold, silver and bronze medals.

A uniform will be provided for each Creek Nation participant in the National Indian Olympics. Each team member will be working in his or her special event during the next few weeks to be in top condition for the stiff competition of the National Indian Olympics.

Ken Grimes and Dean Tiger, Olympic co-directors, expressed a desire for everyone's support for the Creek Nation team June 23 and 24.



In the Community Olympics on June 3, 127 Creeks qualified to represent Creek Nation in

the National Indian Olympics June 23 and 24 in Okmulgee.



## SPORTS

### CNAA Raises Funds For NIAA Tourney

During May, the Creek Nation Athletic Association sponsored a fast pitch tournament and a food sale to raise money to send the men's ball team to the National All-Indian Softball Tournament in Canada this fall.

The entry fees from the 15 participating teams and proceeds from the tournament concession, raffle tickets and food sales have reached over \$400.

The CNAA scheduled the

tournament for May 26-28 but due to the rain the tournament had to be rescheduled June 10 and 11. The same time schedule will be followed.

There is a women's fast pitch tournament planned for July. The Athletic Association would like to have as many teams entered as possible and needs your response.

For more information, call Wallace Barnes, Association Chairman, (918) 756-8500.

### CNAA El Reno Tourney Champs

Creek Nation's softball team took the El Reno All-Indian Tournament June 3 and 4. The team, sponsored by Creek Nation Athletic Association, emerged from the tournament undefeated. The tournament drew 42 teams from all over Oklahoma and surrounding states.

Creek Nation played their first game against the Norman Braves, defeating them with a score of 5-4. The next game was against a Stillwater team and Creek Nation won with an 8-0 score.

On June 4, the team played Turkey Springs winning 5-3. They played Sasakwa next and defeated them 4-2. This

put them in the semi-finals playing against the national champs Anadarko Intertribal, winning 4-2. Creek Nation played the final game against Turkey Springs winning the tournament trophy in a 9-0 game.

The players all played a great game. They are Richmond Leitka P, Leon McPerryman P, Rusty Miller LF (also chosen Most Valuable Player of the tournament), Bill Dowdy CF, Stoney McLemore RF, Cecil Tiger 3B, Charlie LaSarge SS, Ken Tiger 2B, Joe Tuttle 1B, Amon Yargee C, Vince Miller RF, John Bear 3B and Little Ricky Wolfe.



### Creek Tulsan Named 'Superstar'

On May 11, David Stewart of Tulsa, won four ribbons and was selected "Superstar" of the Union Elementary School District after competing in the district's elementary school track meet. Students from the district's four elementary schools were transported to the high school track for competition and to observe the event. David, Creek-Seminole, placed first in the obstacle course, first in the 440 shuttle race, fourth in the 220 yard run, and first in the 440 relay.

David, 11, will be in the sixth grade next fall. In addition to track, his other interests include roller skating, caring for his dogs, and teasing his younger brother, Pat. He is the son of Dave Stewart and Susie Stewart both of Tulsa.

## NOTICE

The third and final Creek Nation Athletic Association Basketball Tournament was held at Hitchita April 17-22.

Okmulgee girls, coached by Royce Juneau, won the trophy in their division. The Okemah team, coached by Captain Smith, won the men's trophy.

### State Prison Boxing Tournament Planned

Fredo Anderson, Creek Nation employee and ex-prize fighter, has agreed to train a state penitentiary boxing team.

Anderson has been working as an Employment and Training Services supervisor for 3½-years and has placed approximately 20 clients as guards at Oklahoma State Penitentiary in McAlester. Because he appreciates prison officials cooperation with his program, Anderson is donating his own time to

begin training inmates in June. "I'm doing it just for the benefit of the inmates."

The upcoming boxing tournament has been a well received idea. The team will consist of only 35 members, although 184 inmates were interested. Anderson, Creek, will train, spar and act as a second in inmates corners during boxing matches. He is a golden glover and boxed for Bacone College and also as a prize fighter in Houston and Oklahoma City.

### Mixed Slow-Pitch Tourney Set

The Nuyaka Community is sponsoring a slow-pitch softball tournament July 1 and 2 at Nuyaka Community ball field. The teams will be mixed with five men and five women on the field and 12 players per team. There is no age limit.

First, second and third place team trophies and first

place individual trophies will be awarded. The entry fee is \$25 per team and the deadline for entering is June 23 at 5 p.m.

For further information, contact Stella, Judy or Sonny Roberts at (918) 623-0569, 623-8366 in Okemah or (918) 623-2787 in Okmulgee.



**WIN FIVE DOLLARS!** The first person to name all the players in the picture will win \$5.





Harley Revis demonstrates bandaging to Nancy Harry and Virginia Whitetree.

## First Aid Seminars Available For Communities

A series of first aid training seminars has been scheduled for Creek Nation community workers. The classes are structured to teach first aid measures to enable workers to perform basic emergency care until professional medical care arrived. The first groups of community coordinators and aides attended classes May 15, 16, 22 and 23. The next classes are scheduled for

June 12, 13, 14 and 15.

Harley Revis, Creek Nation emergency medical technician is the instructor of the two day classes. The seminar covers such subjects as artificial respiration, bandaging, control of bleeding, fractures and splinting, transporting the injured, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Examinations are given to class participants

and if the exam is passed, the workers will receive a first aid certificate from Creek Nation.

Jerry Kinsey, Sapulpa coordinator, was impressed with the practicality of the seminar. "I learned a lot about drowning victims and heart patients. Many of our community people can be helped with what we've learned. I think all community women, especially

women with children, need to know these basic methods of first aid. It will help with our childrens summer accidents, in particular water accidents. The seminar was really good," Jerry continued, "I learned a lot."

For further information about the possibility of scheduling a first aid seminar in a community, contact Harley Revis, (918) 756-8500.

## Community News

### Wilson...

The Burgess family reunion will be held at Cussetah Methodist Church, June 10th. They will be celebrating Hully Taylor's birthday, July 4th. He will be 72 years young.

The elderly members of their community are: Hully and Alice Taylor, Amy Berryhill, William and Winey Douglas, George and Martha Berryhill, Taylor Johnson, Cheparney and Isley Harjo.

### Duck Creek...

The Duck Creek Community has been busy with various activities and many of our workers felt that they needed to be in two places at once. Community members have been attending Yuchi Language, GED, and slimnastics classes as well as participating in little league t-ball and baseball. The men are playing softball for a team named Hector Roofers, Roofers, Inc.

We had a talent show, "Liberty Night Fever", in which Tim Bigpond won first place with a song he wrote, "Bitter End."

Eight of our Indian students graduated from high school this year. They are: Donald Bear, Roger Bell, Franklin Brown, Rueben Brown, Dale Evans, Salter Gaston, Shauna Huffman and Addie Littlehead.

The Adult Education Department has scheduled a Canning and Freezing Demonstration Tuesday, June 13th 7 p.m. at the home of Grace Slinker.

Our summer youth workers are head at work helping community people with home repairs, painting, yard care, housecleaning for elderly, gardening, wood cutting and other things. Their services are much appreciated by all.

Our community was saddened by the death of one we loved and cared for, Kizzie Stanley of Mounds. She will certainly be missed.

### Eufaula...

Eufaula Indian Community has been busy mowing yards, trimming hedges and reported that the Indian store is still in full swing.

Noah Timothy is enrolled in school and is training for Tribal Management.

### Okmulgee...

The Okmulgee Community has been very busy with a benefit bingo for Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones' son a rummage sale held May 30 & 31 in Beggs. The Senior Citizens dinner at Newtown Church was a success. The workers have been training kids for the Olympics and doing various kinds of yard work.

### Okemah...

The youths of Okemah Community are working for the high school and other various jobs. There is a garage sale every Friday at 104-B Este Cate St.

Mr. and Mrs. Mose Scott's grandson, George, who was attending Bacone College is home vacationing. This fall he will be attending East Central in Ada.

In the Arts and Crafts classes the students have finished their second shawl and are now working on Ribbon Shirts.

### Depew...

Depew is proud of their elderly workers and U.A.S. Robie Bear and Jackie Martin for the good work they've been doing. There will be a rummage sale to raise money for the community. The date for the rummage sale will be announced later.



Reminiscing...



## Depew Girl Receives

## Doctorate

Linda Joy Mason, Eukee Indian, Depew, received her Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from Oklahoma State University May 13.

She took the Oklahoma State Board test, and will take the Colorado State Board test, the Missouri State Board and Hawaii State Board tests later.

Dr. Mason, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Legus Mason, Depew, and granddaughter of the late J.H. and Rosie Cook of Milfay, graduated from Depew High School in 1971.

She received an associate of arts degree in 1973 from Northeastern A&M Junior College, Miami. At NEO she was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Aggie Society.

She was listed on the Dean's Honor Roll three semesters and the President's Honor Roll one semester.

She entered Oklahoma State University in 1973 to major in pre-veterinary medicine. There was listed on the Dean's Honor Roll two semesters and was a member of the Pre-Vet Club.

She was admitted to the College of Veterinary Medicine in 1974 and received a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in 1976.

At OSU she was a member of Student American Veterinary Medical Association and the Women's Veterinary Medical Association.

## Creeks Graduate From Bacone

One hundred thirteen students at Bacone College received their associate of arts degree in commencement exercises held Friday, May 12 in the Memorial Chapel on the Bacone College campus.

Creek students receiving degrees were: Augustine Duncan, Checotah; Judy Holt, Eufaula; Francise Kelley, Tulsa; George Daniel Scott, Okemah; Diane Reynolds, Eufaula.



Mr. and Mrs. Cainey Roberts

## Roberts' Honored By Family

On February 12, Mr. and Mrs. Cainey Roberts, Sr., were honored by their children with a birthday dinner. Cainey, a retired rancher, and Stella, coordinator for Nuyaka Indian community, are the parents of seven children. The children, all present at the dinner, are: Mary Leitka and Patty Factor, employed by Creek Nation Community Hospital; Patsy Pigeon, employed by Okmulgee Bureau of Indian Affairs; Wynema Roberts, employed by Indian Health Service in Okmulgee; Cainey Roberts, an Okmulgee R.E.C. engineer; Roy Roberts, employed by Central State Construction in Henryetta;

and Cainey Roberts, Jr. who is a sergeant in the U.S. Air Force.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberts have 13 grandchildren, all present at the birthday dinner. This was the first time in several years that they were able to have all their children and grandchildren together at one time.

Others honoring the Roberts were: Willie Pigeon, Walter Jones and Family, Steve Wilson, Virginia and Kim Hummingbird, Louis Factor and family, Jason and Joe Leitka, Lorena Roberts and family, Velma Roberts and family, Johnny Glass and John David Featherston.



# OJT Offers Future Job Opportunities

Creek Nation's On-the-Job-Training (OJT) Program has been in operation since December, 1975. The purpose of this Employment and Training Services program is to negotiate training contracts for Indians throughout the eight county area comprising Creek Nation.

According to Nancy Frazier, OJT specialist, approximately 90 persons have been trained under the program. The training costs are shared equally by the employer and Creek Nation Employment and Training Services. The programs last up to two years in length

depending on the classification of training. To qualify, a person must be 1/4 Indian, live in the eight-county area and be underemployed or unemployed for seven days.

Most trainees are quite successful with their programs. Houston Crittenden began an OJT program with the Stroud police department and was promoted to Chief of Police in less than a year. Stroud city manager, Don Taylor, expressed his confidence in Crittenden in a letter of recommendation to the Stroud City Council. He said that Houston "had done well in his job and was the most

responsible and qualified person on the police force."

Crittenden, Cherokee, heard about OJT through his brother. Though he had a background of security control and has a desire to become a policeman, he was unemployed. OJT purchased his pistol and leathers and pays half of his salary.

As Chief of Police, Crittenden is responsible for making schedules for his 12 member staff, handling public relations and hiring, attending meetings related to his work and working a patrol shift. He often attends training seminars in law enforcement, has studied

state and local laws and now hopes to get an associate of science degree in police science. "I really like my job," Crittenden commented. "Something new happens every day. The field has good prospects for young Indians and we need a lot more Indian police officers."

Crittenden highly recommends the OJT program. "It's a great program. I'd help anyone get on the program that I possibly could."

For more information on Employment and Training Services OJT program, contact Nancy Frazier, P.O. Box 1114, Okmulgee, OK 74447, (918) 756-6181.



## Okemah Girl To Attend FHA Convention

Bobby Jo Herrod, Creek, will be a senior at Okemah High School this fall. She has been a member of the Art Club and Future Homemakers of America (FHA) for the last three years.

She is the president of the FHA chapter in Okemah and is one of 93 girls from Oklahoma who will be attending the FHA convention in Florida this summer. "I hope to represent our town, Creek Nation, and the state of Oklahoma well and make them proud of me."

Bobby Jo is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Herrod of Okemah.

## Bacone Seeks Administrator

Dr. Dean Chavers, President, announces that Bacone College is seeking applicants for business manager of the college. As an administrator the business manager will serve as treasurer of the corporation with responsibility for financial and business administration of the college. His or her duties will include a financial accounting program, collection of revenues, preparation of the annual budget, expenditures of institutional funds in payment for services and materials, maintenance of student finances, management of invested funds and properties, purchasing and administration of the physical plant.

Applicant should have a major in accounting. He or she should have administrative and supervisory ability with a minimum of five years of experience in his or her field.

## Help Wanted

Medical technologist required ASCP or ASCP eligible. The position is located in Okemah, Oklahoma at the Creek Nation Community Hospital.

Registered Nurse-required licensed nurse for fulltime and part time positions. All shifts are available. The position is located in Okemah, Oklahoma at the Creek Nation Community Hospital.

LPN-required licensed nurse for full time and part time positions. All shifts are available. The position is located in Okemah, Oklahoma at the Creek Nation Community Hospital.

Construction Management Instructor-Full time position as an instructor of construction skills and the management of construction projects. Preferred experience and or degree.

HFR-Health Field Representatives-Full time positions in the communities of Wetumka, Okmulgee, and Cowetta to provide medical services and counseling. Preferred experience and or training in health related fields.

LPN-required licensed nurse for a full time position in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Please forward applications and/or resumes to Sandra Rana, Chief Personnel Officer, Creek Nation, Box 1114, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447

Bacone College is an equal opportunity, affirmative action, employer. For further information, please contact Dr. Dean Chavers, President, Bacone College, Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401 or call, (918) 683-4581.

Deadline for applications is July 15, 1978.

## Four Tribes Reinstated

President Carter signed legislation May 15, restoring Federal recognition to the Modoc, Wyandotte, Peoria and Ottawa Indian Tribes in Oklahoma. The restoration makes them eligible for Federal Indian programs. The Act is expected to cost the Federal Government \$1.4 million the first year.

At the same time, the President signed a bill requiring the Federal Government to acquire 600 acres of land in New Mexico for the Zuni Indian Tribe. The land, now owned by the

State of New Mexico, includes the Zuni Salt Lake which is considered by the Indians to be a sacred shrine. The tribe, estimated at 1,500 Indians, currently mines the salt from the lake and has purchased all lease rights to the area. In addition, this legislation gives the tribe the right to file an aboriginal land claim in the U.S. Court of Claims for a separate parcel of 5.2 million acres in New Mexico and Arizona despite the fact that the deadline for filing the claim has passed.

## Creek Wins Nat'l Contest

A 17 year old Creek student has won a national contest sponsored by Six Flags Over Texas, a world renown amusement park.

Last fall, Henry Harley, submitted a drawing to Six Flags officials for a design contest to represent the Park's new ride-Shock Wave. Harley, now a senior at Henryetta High School, first learned of the contest from his geometry teacher. He worked on the design three weeks before sending

the finished product to the judges. He learned that his emblem design had placed first last winter. The prize for his win was 50 tickets to the amusement park and he planned to take friends to the Arlington, Texas park before school ended in May.

Henry is the son of Tim and Lois Harley of Henryetta. He has been involved in art classes in school and likes to paint at home.

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provides a counselor and classes for the inmates on a monthly basis.

Drug and alcohol abuse figured into the crimes for which both the male and female Indian inmates were imprisoned. "My folks drank that's where I picked up the habit when I was 14-I just didn't know what I was doing when I was drinking. My parents tried to help, but it didn't do any good," reflects inmate Andrew C. "Alcohol led me into bad crowds and bad times," stated inmate Shirley M. Inmate Pam B. said simply, "Alcohol was my downfall." Inmate Darlene E., whose husband was killed over a drug incident 3 days after her arrival at the womens prison, identifies the reason

for her incarceration: "I was supporting a drug habit and had to have money for it so I would steal."

Possible solutions to the growing problem of drug and alcohol addiction and involvement were theorized by the inmates. "We need more halfways houses and drug and alcohol prevention programs." "I think that if groups of school age children were brought down here to see the consequences of drug addiction for themselves- this would possibly serve as a deterrent to abuse and resulting crimes."

The children of the women inmates also played a minor part in the commitment of crimes. Inmate Shirley M., mother of 4 children, sadly reflected, "If I had of stayed with my children, I would never have gotten into

trouble-that's my biggest regret." Inmate Darlene E., mother of 3 children, "Although my kids had things-I wanted them to have what other kids had, the little luxuries, so I would steal to provide these things...but," she added proudly, "my kids have never seen me drunk or high..." then reflected softly "I haven't been the mother I should have been, But I love them..."

Advice to their children and other troubled Indian youth on staying out of trouble and thus avoiding the possibility of becoming one of the inmate populace was aimed primarily at the parents and grandparents of the youth. All interviewees agreed that parents should make an effort to be more understanding their

children's problems and "meet them halfway". The interviewees agreed also that parents should try giving positive advise instead of reacting with anger to the situation. One inmate stated, "I have a cousin who is in the same boat that I was when I got into this place and all I can do is write her and tell her that it's just no good in prison." Inmate Darlene E., concluded, "It's hard to give advice to your children when you try to tell them "don't end up like me."

In view of the hardships of confinement to prison life, not just McAlester, but hardships present in all penal institutions, I inquired into what particular thing had helped each inmate through the ordeal of confinement.

"Hope for the future."

"Letters from home and working my way day by day till my release date."

"Prayers."

"Time to reflect on your crimes - you have plenty of time for self-counseling."

"I stay busy as much as possible."

Release dates were a subject that was always everpresent on the minds of the incarcerated inmates that I had interviewed - what then? Was there hope for future on the outside?

Inmate Darlene E., who was to be released in 6 days, expressed her immediate plans for life on the outside, "I hope to attend school on and BE OG grant which I am currently trying to make application for, and the Women Offender's Resource

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Diane Lewis



Sidney Long



Shawna Spradling



Sevina Ann Scott



Stephanie Whinery



Jennie Dawn Noon



Linda Sue Davis



Donrice Ann Timothy

## Princess Pageant Attracts 11 Contestants

The Creek Princess Contest, one of the highlights of the Creek Festival, has attracted 11 contestants. The two week selection process begins June 10, at 2:00 p.m. in the Creek Nation Council Room, with a tea given by Creek communities for the girls and the judges.

A pageant will be held June 17 at the Henryetta Civic Center beginning at

7:30. The girls will be judged on personality, traditional dress, poise, beauty, talent and academic background. The top three winners will receive cash awards.

The contestants are: Linda Sue Davis, 18, 1/2 Creek-Seminole, Wetumka; Mary Ann Kalinich (not pictured), 18, 15-32 Creek-Seminole, Yeager; Sevina Ann Scott, 18, 1-2 Creek-Seminole,

Holdenville; Diane Lewis, 18, 4-4 Creek-Chickasaw, Yardekka; Jennie Dawn Noon, 18, 4-4 Creek, Wetumka; and Sharon DeAnn Skeeter (not pictured), 17, 4-4 Creek-Yuchi, Sapulpa.

Also entered in the contest are: Christie Warrior (not pictured), 17, 4-4 Creek-Shawnee, Duck Creek; Stephanie Whinery, 17, 1-2

Creek-Yuchi, Kellyville; Sidney Long, 18, 3-4 Creek, Okmulgee. Shawna Spradling, 16, 1-2 Creek, Duck Creek; and Donrice Ann Timothy, 19, 3-8 Creek, Dewar.

The judges for the pageant will be Joan Hill, Susan Arkeketa and Kelly Haney.

For more information, contact Steve Wilson, (918) 756-8500.

## Japanese Visit Creek Tribal Office

Creek Nation Tribal Complex is often a special point of interest for persons from out of state and especially for those from foreign countries. Visitors are anxious to learn more about American Indian history, culture and everyday life.

The director of a Japanese environmental program and planning institute and his wife, a professional fiber artist, visited the tribal offices May 17. Through an interpreter, several tribal employees spoke to Mr. and Mrs. Motoo Yoshimura about Creek history, culture and modern directions and goals.

After spending the morning in meetings, Kenneth Tiger, their Creek Nation escort, took them to Muskogee for a tour through the Five Civilized Tribes Museum and a home-cooked Indian dinner.

Mrs. Yoshimura commented on the similarities between traditional Indian art and Japanese art. She also noticed "a linkage between the two peoples because of striking likenesses in traditional customs and viewpoints."

## Prison Cont. ...

Center (WORC) from Tulsa is assisting me in locating a job that I will need to have while I am attending school to help support my children."

Inmate Shirley M., who has a prison release date of 1981 stated "I'm going to finish my GED, get my kids, get a job and then I'm going home to South Dakota..."

"I haven't started thinking about a future on the outside yet," commented Inmate Pam B. who has served only a short time of the burglary conviction.

The male inmates expressed their feelings about release. "It's going to be a mental shock to get out - but I plan to get an education - a degree in sociology because I want to work on prison reform and work with Indian youth offenders. I'll have to support myself doing labor and will have to get a grant or other resource in order to go to school," stated Inmate Robert A., who has a 1981 release date.

"Right now my release date is a long way off, but I hope to get a job and go to school for some training..." were the thoughts of Inmate Andrew C. who has spent only 11 months of his sentence. His release date: 1996. Academic and skill training necessary to get a

good job on the outside posed a problem for some of the inmates: Inmate Andrew C.'s formal schooling ended in the 9th grade; Inmate Robert A., who has an 8th grade education, can't get his GED until his maximum security status is reduced. "I try to self-educate myself through reading as much as possible."

The secretarial schooling available to the women inmates will provide an advantage that the male inmates lack. There are 14 different business courses offered with only 6 of these needed to complete the 26-week course.

The fears of an uncertain future on the outside, which could possibly lead to re-incarceration were also discussed candidly by Inmate Darlene E. for whom a future on the outside will soon be a reality to be dealt with. "I'm worried. I'm going to have a lot of money pressure in trying to go to school and work and I'll only have \$200 to last me until I get a job and a first check. I'm afraid that money isn't going to be enough to survive and my greatest fear is that it will drive me back into my old "skills" (stealing) where I can make \$200-\$300 a day...money is the problem in re-incarceration..." The

other inmates, two of which have been released, only to get into trouble once again and thus be re-incarcerated, could not say definitely that they would not again be imprisoned after their releases.

The interviewed inmates were definite, however, in the changes that they felt should be made in order to improve the quality of prison life.

"We need more educational programs like Talk Back T.V."

"We need a regular physician (the existing doctor only sees 2 women inmates a month)."

"What is needed is a regular counselor for those inmates who have problems." (One inmate felt the Indian counselor was needed in order to relate to the problems of the Indian inmate population).

"We need better medical facilities and improvement in the food we eat."

"We need more adequate visiting facilities for the women inmates."

"We need more, less restricted visits contact with the outside that would also help in easing us back into society when we are released."

In general the inmates felt that the purpose of a penal

institution should be re-evaluated to include rehabilitation and do away with the attitude of "lock them up and throw away the key."

At the conclusion of the interview, I asked what the Indian community could do to assist our own incarcerated people. I was told by the inmates that there is a need for Indian newsletters and publications to be sent to the Indian inmate population so that they may keep informed of what is going on with Indians on the outside; the women inmates requested arts and crafts materials such as yarn, macrame rope, beads, and art supplies.

Inmates also urged the families of the imprisoned Indians to stay in touch, by letters or visits, with the incarcerated family member. One male inmate cited his experience, "It seems that family members, as time goes on, kind of drift off-they spasmodically writes or visit-this causes bitterness and after awhile-you don't want to write them either."

Inmate Robert A. stated that some inmates were in need of visits with clergy of their own faith.

Inmates also felt that the Indian community could help by getting involved and interested in what prisons are about and trying to help in any way they can to provide a better prison system. They urged involvement with penal reform-especially those Indians who are in a position to affect better prison systems. And again the ugly problem of drug and alcohol addiction and how it relates to incarcerated Indians reared its head in the inmates final plea to the people.

"In view of the fact that the highest percentage of crimes committed by Indians are drug and alcohol related-please get involved in drug and alcohol education and prevention programs."

As the interviews ended, and the slamming of the iron-barred doors behind me signaled a finality to the experience that had just transpired between myself and those Indians on the darker side of the prison doors, I remembered Warden Hess's parting words as he arose from a jumbled, paper-laden desk, "Paperwork is secondary to us-people are our first priority..."

I sincerely hope so Warden.

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## Extension Granted Concerning Lawsuit

An extension was granted the Creek Nation concerning the ratification of a new Creek Constitution. The previously set deadline was September 1. The length of the extension is not yet available.

These rulings stem from a lawsuit filed January 1974. The lawsuit was filed by Allen Harjo, a Creek tribal member, against various officials of the federal government. Harjo alleged that certain government officials were in violation of a 1867 Creek Constitution by recognizing the Principal Chief as sole embodiment of the Creek government and by allowing him to commit and spend tribal funds without the previous consent of the Creek National Council, which at present does not exist.

Article V of the 1867 constitution states that all financial affairs of the Creek Nation shall be in control of the National Council.

According to the 1867 constitution a legislative branch, call the National Council, composed of a House of Kings, and a House of Warriors, both with memberships elected from the tribal towns; an executive branch, headed by a Principal Chief and Second Chief; and a judicial branch, consisting of a High Court was to control all tribal affairs.

At the present all financial affairs are appropriated thru the approval of the Principal Chief and since a National Council does not exist and has not existed since 1916.

The court ruled that the 1867 constitution was valid and that tribal money should be spent only thru the approval of a National Council but since the council does not

exist an extension permitting the Principal Chief the power to appropriate funds has been granted until a reorganization of the National Council has been made.

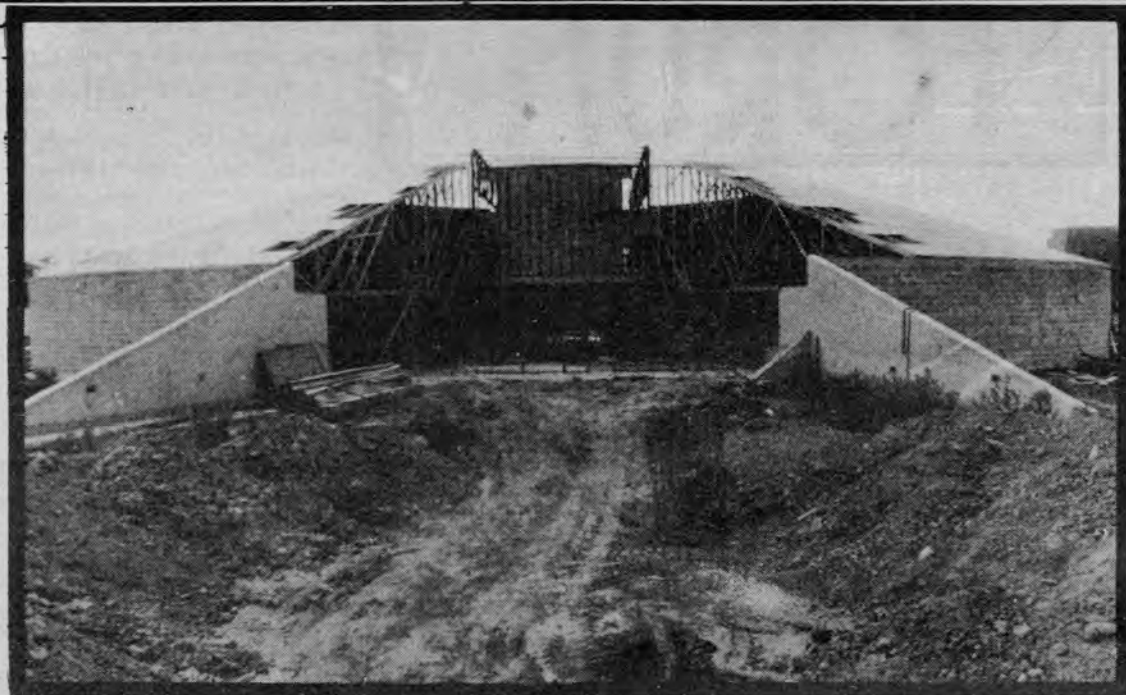
A new constitution reestablishing a new National Council has been drafted but certain issues have risen from changes made from the 1867 constitution.

These issues are 1) whether there should be a second chief 2) whether the legislative body should be bicameral or unicameral (consisting of one or two legislative houses) and 3) whether the representation in the National Council be based on tribal towns or geographic districts.

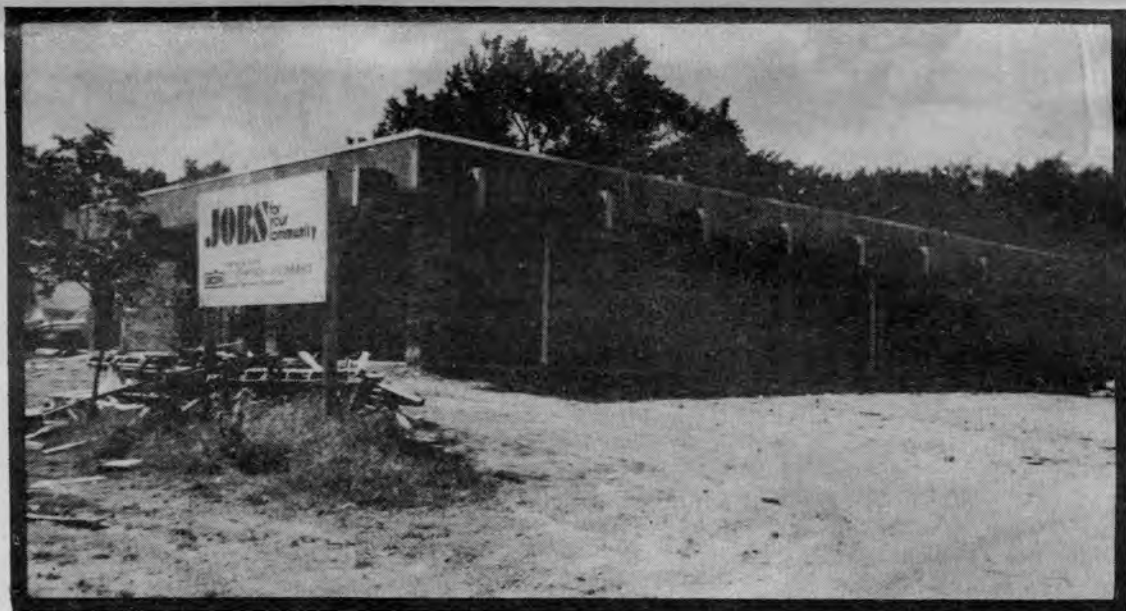
The outcome of the third issue will have a profound effect on the traditional political organization of the Creek Nation. The Creek Nation, traditionally and historically, is a confederacy of tribal towns, each with its own political organization and leadership.

When the 1867 constitution was adopted there were approximately forty-four towns in existence. This raises another issue due to the fact that at present there is doubt to the exact number of towns that are still politically and socially active, and also the fact that many people are no longer active in their tribal towns.

At present a five man commission is being formed to debate and interpret these issues in order to educate the people on these issues go the Creek people can decide what they themselves feel is a democratic self-government.



Independent Agencies Building, Okmulgee



Sapulpa Community Center, Sapulpa

## LPW Construction Projects Nearing Completion

"Creek Nation is one of the fastest growing organizations in this area," was the recent comment of an Oklahoma legislative official.

The official, though he didn't realize it, was making an understatement almost as large as the Creek Nation growth rate. The tribal organization is expanding so rapidly that an employee returning from a short vacation is likely to find that his/her office has moved and the number of staff members has

doubled.

The employee number is not the only thing that has multiplied. Buildings are being constructed all over Creek Nation to serve Indians in many different capacities. Four of these building projects, all to be completed this year, are the result of a \$2.9 million grant from the Local Public Works (LPW) program.

The LPW program was initiated in 1976 by President Carter in an attempt to alleviate unemployment and to

bolster the sagging construction industry. Congress appropriated millions of dollars for LPW and requested proposals for construction projects from all segments of government. Creek Nation submitted four proposals but none were funded.

However, during LPW Round Two in 1977 Creek Nation received a grant of \$2.9 million to begin construction on four projects. Those projects were the Independent (Continued on Page 11)



# CREEK NATION FORUM

## Indians "Defined"

The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) today issued final regulations defining the term "Indian" for preference in employment, promotions, transfers and other appointments to vacancies in the Indian Health Service (IHS).

The regulations, published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, define an Indian as:

A member of any recognized Indian tribe now under Federal jurisdiction;

A descendant of any such member who was, on June 1, 1934, residing within the present boundaries of any Indian reservation;

Any other person of one-half or more Indian blood of tribes indigenous to the United States;

An Eskimo or other aboriginal person of Alaska;

For three years following the effective date of these regulations, a person of at least one-

quarter degree Indian ancestry of a tribe currently recognized by the Federal Government whose rolls have been closed by an Act of Congress.

This definition is identical to that used by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior.

The HEW regulations become effective immediately. Persons presently employed by the Indian Health Service who received Indian preference according to the rules and procedures in effect at the time, will remain eligible for preference so long as they are continuously employed by IHS.

Copies of today's final regulations may be obtained from the Director, Indian Health Service, Health Services Administration, Public Health Service, Room 5A-55, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

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To the Editor

I am saddened and troubled over the recent developments which have taken place at the Claremore Indian Hospital because it seems that history has a way of repeating itself, especially where the Indians are concerned. I am referring to the identifiable Indians, those recognized by friends and others as being Indian, whose medical needs are solely dependent on medical services provided by the Indian Health Service. I am not referring to the new Indians who are fair-skinned, blond and blue-eyed who also complain and gripe about the services in the new facility at Claremore (perhaps they should try,

## A Letter To The Editor...

elsewhere). Their complaining doesn't bother me nearly as much as the fact that there are too many of the new Indians that are crowding out the needy full bloods or the recognizable Indians who need the services.

I realize the "new ones" weren't around to utilize, much less complain about, the old facility because that old facility "just looked" like an Indian facility. But, just as in the past, when the real Indians got something that looked good (even the services seemed to improve in the new hospital), they couldn't keep it very long from the encroachment of others (both new Indians and non-Indians).

I hope tribal leaders will take appropriate action to keep the I.H.S. hierarchy informed of true Indian needs and keep them from turning Indian facilities such as Claremore into a Public Health Service, after all, the federal government has overdue obligations to the Indians that have not been met.

A concerned Indian (real one)

Tuste Este Cvte

## Notice

The Creek newspaper will begin publishing a calendar center page in each monthly newspaper that will list some of the Creek Nation's important news events.

If you have a design or picture that you would like to have published along with a calendar send it to the Communications Department at the Creek Complex, P.O. 1114, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

The design should be in black ink on white paper. The size of the design should be approximately 8 1/2 X 11".

The communications staff will decide which design will be published. Deadline is August 25. All art will be returned on request.

For more information call 756-8500 communications department.

## Indian Films Available

GED classes are now being conducted at Oakdale. These classes are available upon request to each community, including night classes. A request letter should contain 12 signatures of people who are planning to participate in the class. Each student must have a certificate of degree of Indian blood (CDIB) card or be in the process of obtaining one. A copy of the CDIB card will be made during class enrollment.

The Adult Education Department has recently

acquired a number of Indian related films. The following films are available for community viewing: The Long Road Home, Dawn Riders, Two Indians-Red Reflections of Life, Our Totem is the Raven, Where Has The Warrior Gone?, Majority Minority, Indian Boy of the Southwest, and Maria of the Pueblos.

Arrangements can be made for a film presentation by contacting Susie Stewart, P.O. Box 1114, Okmulgee, OK 74447, (918) 756-8800.

## Creek Hospital States Eligibility Policy

Questions have arisen from time to time at the Creek Nation Community Hospital concerning the eligibility of fully paid services.

Mark Downing, Health Services Administration Manager, explained the requirements and guidelines by which a patient's eligibility is determined.

The first eligibility requirement is that a patient be able to prove that he or she is of at least 1/4 or more degree of Indian blood. This includes any tribe recognized by the federal government. Blood degree may be proven by tribal voters card, certificate of degree of Indian blood, hospital chart number from existing Indian Health Services, or a sworn affidavit.

The second requirement is that you must be a permanent resident of an

area known as the catchment area. This area covers, to an extent, most of the Creek Nation Counties or parts of counties included are; Lincoln, Creek (lower half), Okmulgee, Okfuskee, Hughes (upper half) and McIntosh counties.

Fully paid services offered by the hospital after the establishment of eligibility are; 1. inpatient care, 2) inpatient specialty care, and 3) emergency treatment.

Inpatient care includes all care and treatment received after patient is admitted to the hospital.

Inpatient specialty care is when an admitted patient is referred to another hospital for services not available at the Creek Nation Community Hospital. This service will be paid only if you are referred by the Creek Nation Community Hospital to another

hospital.

Emergency treatment is paid for by the Creek Nation Health services only in the case of an emergency. The definition of emergency is the risk of loss of life or limb. This will be determined by the attending physician.

Before the Creek Nation will make payment, other means of payment will be investigated, such as; Medicare, Title IVV Hospital Insurance, etc. This is the responsibility of the patient to make arrangements for payment with the billing office located at the hospital.

"Although no available services will be refused to any person," stated Downing, "The Creek Nation can only make payment if the before mentioned guidelines are met."



## Agribusiness Start-Up Planned

Creek Nation Board of Economic Affairs has been working towards the development of the Creek Nation Agribusiness, a multi-million dollar project currently under construction in Dustin.

Phase I construction of the Agribusiness is due to be completed in November. The Board of Economic Affairs is planning the Phase I operational start-up in January, 1979, according to Bill Fife, chairman of the Board.

A special staff will be hired for Agribusiness operational start-up. Creek Nation planners and agriculture development specialists will also be utilized in the project. The Agribusiness, expected to employ hundreds of Indians, has been structured in three

phases and will be continuously developed for the next 25 years.

The Board of Economic Affairs created under a Creek National Council Resolution will play a key role in this far-reaching

milestone project. The Board members are: Bill Fife, chairman; Phil Perryman, vice-chairman; Robert Trepp, secretary; Bill Burden, Richard Larney, and Louis Fish, members.

## Consumer Seminar Held

A seminar on consumer education and training was held in Okmulgee at the Creek Complex, July 24.

The seminar, sponsored by the Southwest Center for Consumer Education Studies in Midwest City, was open to Creek employees and citizens in an effort to provide helpful information and material in various areas of consumerism.

The subjects presented during the seminar were social security, consumer credit, food stamps and funeral costs and planning. Dr. Leslie J. Anderson, director of the consumer education center, said that the program is funded

through U.S. Office of Consumer Education and is operated cooperatively through the University of Oklahoma and Oscar Rose Junior College. "A great deal of our time is spent developing consumer education projects for Indians and we average one or two seminars a week for Indian organizations."

This presentation is available upon request. For further information concerning consumer education programs material and counseling, please contact: Southwest Center for Consumer Education Studies, 6420 S.E. 15th Street, Midwest City, OK 73220, 405 - 737-6611 ext. 295.

## Clinic Route Rescheduled

The location schedule for Creek Nation Mobile Clinic has been revised, according to Gary Breshears, Community Services Director.

The schedule change is the result of an examination of previous Clinic utilization rates. "We are attempting," said Breshears, "to put the Clinic where the need is the greatest."

The new schedule is: Monday and Tuesday - Okmulgee, Wednesday - Weleetka, Thursday - Coweta, Friday - Twin Hills.

The Clinic is a fully self-contained mobile health facility. A physician's assistant (P.A.) examines patients, diagnoses the illness and administers medication. The P.A. consults with a doctor at Creek Nation Community Hospital concerning his decision about every patient.

Immunization shots for children will soon be available on the Clinic. Parents need to be present with their children to sign consent forms. For additional information on the Mobile Clinic, call 756-8500.

## Business Meeting Held For OICA

The Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging met in Oklahoma City, June 29, and completed the business of writing and adopting its by-laws and Articles of Incorporation. The council has organized as a non-profit organization and will file its Articles of Incorporation pursuant to the State of Oklahoma Non-profit Corporation Act, reports Ken Tiger, Creek Nation physical planner and chairman of the Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging reported.

Assisting the Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging with the legal technicalities of the Articles of Incorporation and the by-laws was John Charloe, Tribal Attorney for the Creek Nation.

The Council will serve in an advocacy capacity for the overall purpose of bringing about improved, comprehensive services to the Oklahoma Indian elderly. Regular meetings for the council are held every two months at different locations throughout the state. Representatives from Tribal or Indian organizations have been very encouraging about hosting the meetings of the Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging. Reverend Bob Pinezaddleby of the Oklahoma Indian Ministries, Inc., and Millie Giago of the Native American Center, both of Oklahoma City, have provided facilities for the council to meet. The Pawnee Tribal Business Council was the site for the August 3 meeting with Shawnee and Weatherford being tentatively scheduled for the next two meetings.

The purpose for holding meetings in different areas of the state is to inform the Indian and Tribal Organizations of the Council's existence and to allow people who are concerned with the Indian elderly to participate in the meetings. Information concerning programs for the Indian elderly can be disseminated in the meetings and the Council will be able to obtain first hand knowledge of the major areas of concern for the elderly Indian in these different areas.

## Ambulance Service Expands To 24 Hour

Creek Nation's ambulance service has expanded to a 7 day a week, round the clock service, announced Gary Breshears, director of Creek Nation Division of Community Services.

The ambulance, driven by Emergency Medical Technicians, has been in operation a year and has saved Indian people thousands of dollars in medical transportation fees. Although often used for emergency transportation, the priority of the ambulance service is

for transportation to and from medical facilities.

Breshears stressed that in order to save time during extreme emergency, the nearest ambulance service should be contacted as the Creek Nation Ambulance is based in Okmulgee.

A person wishing to use this free service must reside within the eight county area and be 1/4 Indian.

The telephone number for the ambulance is 918-756-8500.

## BIA Proposes Budget Increase

The Bureau of Indian Affairs original request for the '79 budget was \$11,346,000. The House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee added \$12,800,000 making the total appropriations \$24,146,000. The House passed Bill 95-1251 on June 1, 1978 containing the \$24,146,000 appropriation. It has gone to the Senate for passage. Telegrams of support should go immediately to your Congressional Delegation and to The Honorable James Abourezk, Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs and the Senate Appropriations Committee.

## Cox Meets With President

Creek Chief, Claude Cox met with President Jimmy Carter, Vice President Mondale, and other members of the Executive Board of the National Tribal Chairman's Association, July 24 in Washington in Washington D.C.

Also while in D.C. Cox attended a status hearing at the U.S. District Court House, concerning the Harjo case. The September 1 deadline concerning tribal legislation was extended.

Accompanying Chief Cox were tribal employees Robert Trepp,

manager of tribal government policy and

John Charloe, Creek Nation Attorney General.



## Staff Attends Workshop

Three tribal staff members attended a Public Law (PL) 93-638 grants and contracts workshop in Tahlequah, July 26.

Bill Fife, Creek Nation Division of Tribal Affairs Director, and two Creek Nation contracts employees, Lucien Berryhill and Ramona Harjo, covered new guidelines and program operation advice for PL 93-638 which allows tribal governments and organizations to contract for and operate programs previously administered solely by the Bureau of Indian Affairs or Indian

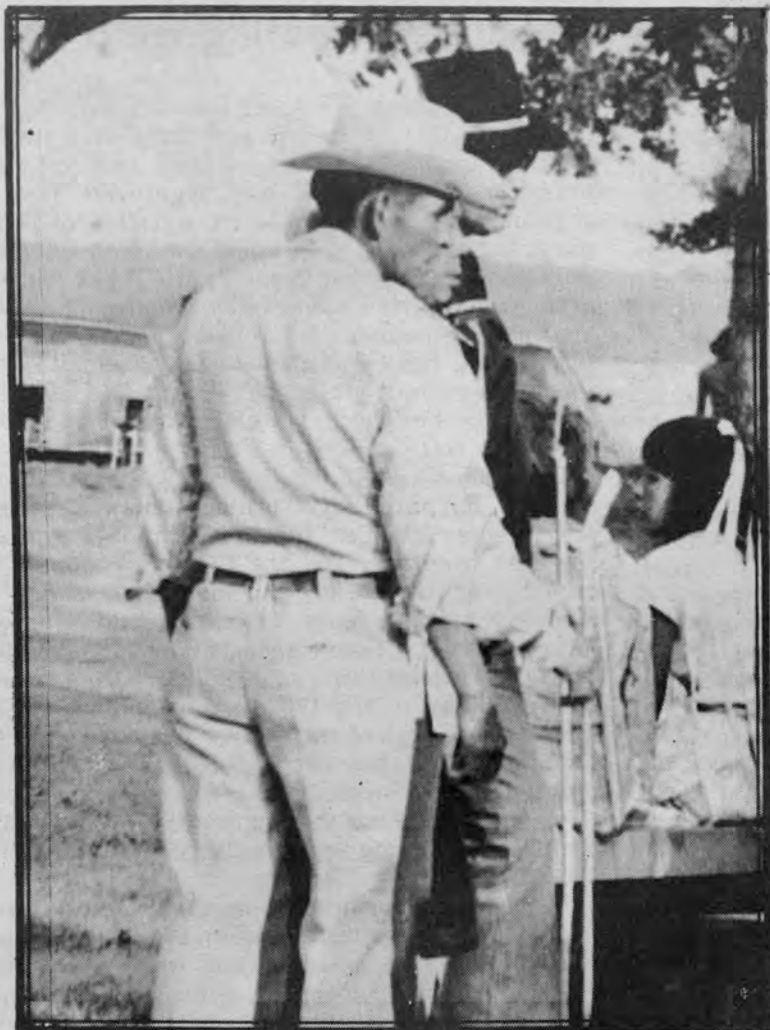
Health Service.

The workshop leaders identified problem areas and duties and responsibility of each contract and grant offices. The tribal employees received information on the administration, coordination and monitoring of PL 93-638 contracts as well as clarification of new forms and regulations.

Currently Creek Nation has several BIA contracts and grants - Arts and Crafts, Education projects, Aid to Tribal Government, Training and Technical Assistance under P.L. 93-638.



# green corn



During late summer and early fall the Creek Tribal Towns, located throughout the Creek Nation, begin preparation for their religious ceremonies.

The Green Corn which is the most sacred of all the tribal town events is the equivalent of New Years and Thanksgiving. Each tribal town will hold their Green Corn only once each year but members from one town will often go to another tribal town to help in their Green Corn.

The Green Corn is a time for cleansing and renewing, both physically and spiritually. The members must abstain from all alcoholic beverages four days prior to the event and must have not eaten fresh corn from that year. New arbors are built, members are given new assignments, and new officers are elected.

The European term "Stomp dance," sometimes used to describe the dances are often associated with drinking and just having a "good ole time." For this reason many of the tribal towns prefer to use the term "religious ceremony" because throughout the ceremony there is positively no drinking allowed on the grounds. The Green Corn is a time of deep religious meaning for the town and its members.

Throughout the ceremony the members take medicine and dance to renew their spirit. When the ceremony is over the people return to their homes tired but knowing they have fulfilled their purpose.





## Creek Nation Manpower Offers Numerous Services

In less than four years, the Creek Nation Manpower Department has grown from an initial grant of \$350,000 to a \$3.5 million operation that employs or trains over 1400 Indians yearly.

Five branch offices have grown from the main office in Okmulgee. The branch offices are in Eufaula, Okemah, Tulsa, Sapulpa and Muskogee. A full time staff of 34 performs the duties of the employment service and handles the enormous amount of paper work.

All the current Manpower programs are funded under the U.S. Department of Labor and have individual eligibility requirements that each individual must be 1/4 Indian or more and reside in the eight county area comprising Creek Nation.

The programs that are currently in operation and their individual eligibility requirements are listed below.

### Title VI

Title VI has employed 320 persons during the last fiscal year and currently employs 172. This is a Public Service Employment (PSE) program and requires that all employees work for a non-profit organization. Most persons employed by

Creek Nation under Title VI work as community coordinators and aides under the tribal community system.

Participants must be economically disadvantaged, 18 years of age or older and unemployed 15 of the last 20 weeks. There are several openings currently available under Title VI. Employment under this program lasts one year.

### Title III

Title III has several components-Classroom Training, On-the Job Training, Work Experience and Public Service Employment. To qualify, a person must be economically disadvantaged and unemployed for one week. Employment or training under Title III can last up to two years.

Classroom Training provides any type of training course in a skill center, college, vocational, technical or private institution. The training course must be state approved and completed within two years.

Anyone interested in this program should apply for it at least one month before school begins. One hundred students are on the program currently and

there are additional openings.

On-the-Job Training participants are trained under the supervision of a private-for-profit business. After a contract is written and approved with a company, Creek Nation pays up to 50 percent of training costs for a period of not more than two years. After the training period has expired, the company is required to retain the employee and pay the full salary.

Eleven trainees are currently under the OJT program and new contracts will be written beginning October 1.

Work Experience under Title III is broken down into three categories-youth, elderly and general work experience.

Over 500 youth, 14-21, are employed this summer under the program. They are working primarily with community organizations, schools and city governments. The youth program ends when school starts.

Elderly Indians, 45 years of age or older, can be employed a maximum of two years under Title III. The 64 participants work for Creek communities, local non-profit organizations and schools.

Under general work experience, 64 semi-skilled and non-skilled persons are working for schools and local private and non-profit organizations.

Title III Public Service Employment slots have the same job descriptions as the PSE slots under Title VI, except the length of employment is two years instead of the one year under Title VI.

### Summer Program for Economically Disabled Youth

This program is essentially the same as the other youth programs. Forty-nine students, 14-21, are working this summer for Indian communities and public schools. The program ends in late August when school starts.

### Youth Employment and Training Program

This home improvement program is designed for Indian youth, 14-21, who are not in school. The youth work for Indian communities learning the "how-to's" of



home improvement. The employment period on this program is one year.

To qualify, a participant must be unemployed for one week and 80 percent below the poverty guideline. There are ninety persons currently employed under the Youth Employment and Training program.

### Youth Community Conservation and Improvement Program

This program is the smallest program funded under Manpower-it employs only 10. Youth, 16-19, who are not in school, work for the tribal organization in the areas of maintenance and repair.

The eligibility requirements are the same as for other youth programs.

Buddy York, manager of all Manpower employment, has been with the department since its beginning and, in fact, wrote the initial proposal for the first funding in 1974. Buddy, who has a business degree from Northwestern Oklahoma State University, commented on the program, "The future looks good-it looks like the Department of Labor will put more money into Manpower programs with emphasis on youth and minority training and employment. We hope to change the focus from work programs to training and education programs. Our main goal is to raise the Indian educational and income level to above the average or average and to bring

the Indian employment rate in line with the non-Indian employment rate."

The Manpower Department has been successful in employing Indians has benefited every community organization within Creek Nation. For further information on eligibility requirements and available employment and training, contact the main office in Okmulgee or one of the branch offices.

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# August

## Community Meeting Dates

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	1	Wed.	2	Thurs.	3	Fri.	4	Sat.	5
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## sports



## First Americans Seek Donations

The First Americans, a local womens fast pitch softball team, won the Oklahoma State Tournament in Oklahoma City last month. As a result of this win, the team has been invited to compete in the National All-Indian Softball Tournament August 24-27 in Bellingham, Washington.

The First Americans have been playing together since 1976 and have won the state championship three consecutive years. The tournament annually draws approximately forty teams.

Entered in five tournaments this season, the team has won two tournaments and placed second in the other three.

Team members are: Karen Long (SS), Minnie Wolfe (LF), Thomasine Long (2B), Hanna Beaver (1B), Louie Carter (RF), Darnell Day (CF), Delores Walker (P) and Ruth Walker (C). Harry Walker coaches the First Americans.

The First Americans are seeking donations to help with the expenses of the National Tournament. Citizen's National Bank, Okmulgee, has paid the entry fee. For further information on sending a tax deductible donation to the First Americans, contact: Thomasine Long P.O. Box 114 Okmulgee, OK 74447 756-8800

## Indian Bowling League To Begin

Anyone interested in joining the Indian Mixed Traveling League this year should contact Steve Stevens at 299-9269. The League is needing 8 teams to fill it.

The league will be a four member mixed and will start Friday August 25 at 9:00 p.m. at Ten Pin Alley in Brookside. The other houses we will bowl in will be: 2nd week - Crystal Bowl, 3rd - Bowlero, 4th - Rose Bowl,

5th - Tiffany Bowl, 6th - Timberlanes in Broken Arrow, 7th - Sheridan Lanes, 8th - Yale Bowl, and the 9th week will be at Riverlanes. The league will bowl at nine houses and will bowl each house 4 times during the season.

A meeting will be held at Tiffany Bowl on Monday August 21, at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will be held to elect officers and set up the rules for the league.

## CNAA Team Invited To National All-Indian Tournament

The Creek Nation Athletic Association Softball Team earned a trip to the National Indian Softball Tournament to be held at Calgary, Alberta, Canada, August 16-20, by winning the Oklahoma Indian Athletic Association Softball Tournament, in Midwest City.

During the Oklahoma Indian Tournament the CNAA team placed 6 men

on the All-Star team along with Richmond Lietka, the Most Valuable Player of the tournament. On the All-Star team were: Joe Tuttle - SS - CNAA, Rusty Miller - RF - CNAA, Bill Berry - FB - CNAA, Phil Berry - TB - CNAA, JoJo Barnett - CF - CNAA, Amon Yargee - C - CNAA, Black Jack - P - Ellis System, Robert Fixico - SS - Ellis System, Oliver Blackstar - C - Ellis

System, Richmond Lietka - P - MVP - CNAA.

Winning 5 trophies in 8 outings, this year the CNAA team will represent the Creeks well at the National Tournament.

The team is in need of donations to make the trip. If you would like to donate contact Wallace Barnes at the Creek Complex 756-8500.

## Bucks Win 5th Consecutive

The Oklahoma City All-Indian Softball tournament is one of the highlights of the softball season. Over 80 teams from the U.S. travel to Oklahoma City in hopes of capturing a first place trophy.

Winning this tournament once is an honor as it means that the winning team is one of the best fast pitch teams in the country. For the last five consecutive tournaments, however, every team's hopes of winning have met with tough opposition-a team called the Sapulpa Bucks.

The Bucks have a remarkable record. Not only have they won this highly competitive tournament since 1974, they have only lost one in the last 40 games they played there.

Handpicked by Andy Bible, Glenpool, the team played under the name Moose Lodge in 1974, after winning the annual El Reno Tournament in May, 1975, Andy went to Bill Buck, owner of Buck's Lounge in Sapulpa and said, "I've got this team that can take the City tournament and we need a sponsor." Buck agreed to sponsor the team and they changed the team's name to the Sapulpa Bucks and they've been winning under that name every since.

But the victories have not always been easy. The toughest game the Bucks ever played in the City tournament was a three and a half hour, 19 inning finals game against a team named Lawrence, Kansas. The Bucks won

the game 2-1.

The same players have been together since 1974 with the exception of two members-Jackie Tiger and Herman Augerhole-who joined the Bucks two years ago. The players are: Roger Ogle (Cherokee), pitcher, Jenks; Jackie Tiger (Creek), catcher, Tulsa; Larry Bible (Creek), 1B, Tulsa; Kenneth Tiger (Creek), 2B, Glenpool; John Sellers (Cherokee), SS, Welling; Dickie Sellers (Cherokee), 3B, Welling; Bill Dowdy (Creek), CF, Tulsa; Robert Pigeon (Cherokee), RF, Hulbert; Vernon Wolf (Cherokee), LF, Tulsa; Herman Augerhole (Cherokee), Utility player, Welling; Rusty Miller (Creek), Utility player, Bixby.

## All-Indian Men And Women's Softball Tourney, August Aug. 12-13

The Creek Nation Athletic Association would like to extend this invitation for teams from your tribe to participate in the All-Indian Men & Women's Softball Tournament to be held on August 12-13, 1978. Participation will be limited to teams from each of the Five Civilized Tribes. Players must be members of the tribe which they are representing. Proof of degree of blood or tribal

membership will be required.

This will be a double elimination tournament, 1st and 2nd place team trophies will be given with individual trophies given for 1st place winners. EACH TEAM IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ONE GAME BALL.

Entry fees and team rosters must be submitted no later than August 4, 1978.

ENTRY FEE: \$50.00

TEAM ROSTER: 15 players per team

MAILING ADDRESS: Creek Nation Athletic Association, P.O. Box 1114, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447.

Only the Five Civilized Tribes will be competing against each other.

If you have any questions regarding this tournament, contact Wallace Barnes, 918-756-8500.





# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Yardeka

Yardeka Youth Track Team were the guests of J. B. Bennett at the Greenwood Lake on Aug. 15. After swimming all day, they were treated to McDonalds.

Yardeka held a fund raising event July 8 at the community center. After all expenses were paid, the community cleared \$166. A horse shoe and volleyball tournament was also a part of the fund raising. Winners in the men's division in Horseshoe were: Henry Tarpaleechee, first, Rocky Marks, second, Chubby Soweka, third, and George Hill, fourth. Women's division winners were Shirley Soweka, first, Josie Fields, second, and third place, Nugie Bruner.

The volleyball champs were Harry Tulsa's team. Elmer Taylor's team placed second.

Yardeka community would like to thank everyone helped.

## Wetumka

The Wetumka community qualified 11 youth to run in the Creek Nation Olympics.

Qualifying were: Asie Yahola, Phillip Long, Joe Underwood, Gene Berryhill, Thomas Yahola, Tomasine Yahola, Leah Yahola, Sheila Berryhill, Mary Whitetree, and Gracie Martin.

Kathern Fish is the new Health Field Representative for the Wetumka Community.

Rufus and Yvonne Battiest, mother and son, had recently received their GED's thru the Creek Nation Adult Ed. Program.

Congratulations to Rufus and Yvonne.

Wetumka Indian Community is planning a float and food booth for the up-coming Sucker day celebration in Wetumka.

## Gypsy

Gypsy community, located south of Bristow,

has just been recently organized.

Tema Tiger, Gypsy coordinator, said that the new community was already in the process of organizing a horseshoe tournament and archery shoot.

The community is also planning an outing at Heyburn Lake for the community summer youth workers, whose work is greatly appreciated.

Madison Bucktrot, the oldest member of the community, recently celebrated his 86th birthday. A dinner was held in his honor.

Gypsy community placed second in the Yeager softball tournament.

## Okmulgee

Okmulgee community held their monthly meeting with 50 members present. A food sale and bingo was held after the meeting.

The aides and youth workers have been busy with their usual yard work, making home visits and providing transportation. All the youth workers participate in the community functions.

The senior citizens held their monthly meeting with sixteen members present. They had a wonderful fellowship and lunch together. The door prize was won by Cora Derrisaw. They have planned a food sale for August 4th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the New Town Community Building. A plate lunch will be served for the price of \$1.75. The public is invited.

Agnes Walls expressed her gratitude to all the community workers for helping with her needs. She also thanks Creek Nation for making this program possible.

Okmulgee Community is looking forward to another month of work and recreation.

Okmulgee community center is located at the New Town Methodist Church. The phone number is 756-2597.

## Kellyville

Kellyville community was well represented during the Creek Nation Olympics. Willie Alexander, in the 12 and 13 year old division, was a double winner in the 440 and 880 yard dash. Willie also placed second in the 220 yard dash.

Eddie Buckley placed 1st in the 120 yard low hurdles while Jackie Buckley placed second in the broad jump and third in the 120 yard low hurdles.

Stephanie Whinnery and Robin Felix represented Kellyville in the Creek Princess and Rodeo Queen contests.

Kellyville, in appreciation to the summer youth for their work, is planning an outing for them before they return to school.

## Twin Hills

Twin Hills has two summer youth workers, Bruce Bruner and Eddie Tecumseh. They have been busy mowing lawns, painting, and doing other

## New Happenings

by Anita Tecumseh

Two new communities have been organized, Gypsy and Bingham, making a total of 28 Creek Nation Communities. We wish these new communities well in all their activities and welcome them to Creek Nation.

The communities have hardly had time to rest from June's festivities. They have been busy holding tournaments and other fund raising events. Their latest project is an all-community bingo and food sale August 4, at the Henryetta Civic Center beginning at 6:30. This benefit is to raise money to send the Creek Nation softball team to Alberta, Canada for the National Softball tournament finals August 16-20.

The Creek Nation festival community slow-pitch softball tournament, scheduled July 29, was cancelled. Eleven communities entered

teams. The teams were mixed with at least 5 men and 5 women on the field, but with an unlimited roster. But, due to lack of teams turning out, the tournament was called off.

Any community that wishes to have the videotaped 1978 Creek Princess pageant shown at their community meeting can contact Steve Wilson or any of us on the Muscogee Nation News staff and let us know what date you would like to view it.

The news staff has moved their office to the old Manpower house across the road from the Complex. Community news can either be handed in at the new office or given to Steve Wilson.

We would like to have news from all our communities!

## Thank You

I want to give special thanks to each and everyone in Okmulgee Indian Community and people around Okemah in helping me with special prayers and donations when I was in the hospital.

I am getting much better at the present time and I am home but I'm still under doctor care. Thanks again.

(Sen) Walter Jones Jr.





# National Indian News

## BIA Proposes Trust Land Regulations

Proposed regulations dealing with the acquisition of land for Indians in a trust or restricted status are being published in the Federal Register, Interior Assistant Secretary Forrest Gerard announced July 21.

The proposed regulations cite the authorities and enunciate the policies and procedures which are to be followed in such land acquisitions.

The regulations have been developed to meet a need for a clearly stated

uniform policy in the acquisition of land for Indians. Several laws enacted in recent years add authorities for such acquisitions and contain differing requirements and conditions for the exercise of such authority.

Comments and suggestions on the proposed regulations should be sent within 90 days of publication to the Area Realty Officer, Phoenix Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 7007, Phoenix, Arizona 85011.

## Indians Get Tax Break

Indians who live on Colorado's two reservations will no longer have to pay the specific use tax on their automobiles, state revenue officials said. The decision followed an attorney general's opinion that said the collection of the tax, all of which goes to local governments, violated Federal law and contravenes a recent U.S.

Supreme Court ruling in a Montana case.

Affected are Indians living on the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute reservations. Frank Mansheim, director of the State Motor Vehicle Division, said that county clerks have been contacted and procedures are being set up to exempt Indians living on the reservations from the tax.

## Property Title Challenged

A Federal lawsuit filed May 31 on behalf of an Indian man and his son could cast legal doubts

### Mondale Meets Walkers

A group of about 25 Indian elders participating in the "Longest Walk" met with Vice President Walter Mondale for three hours July 18. Mondale called the walk to Washington "a dramatic and courageous march to make a case for your people." He said the Indians have "captured the imagination of the American people" and have the Administration's "respect." He told the Indians he wanted to hear their concerns, problems and objectives and "how we can do a better job."

over every property title in Western Oklahoma, said Amos Hopkins-Dukes the head of an organization called the Tribal Indian Land Rights Association. Duke, said the case challenges rights to all the land in Western Oklahoma once occupied by the Kiowas, Comanches and Apaches.

Filed on behalf of William Newsom, and Kiowa, and his son, the suit seeks to have 160 acres of Indian trust land declared theirs. The defendants are Daniel Delluomo and his wife, as well as the Federal Government. The Indians are asking the court to require the defendants to show that no treaties were violated by previous owners of the land.

## Quileute Paper Called "Refreshing"

Mastheads are formal, pompous and dull. Most of them, anyway. Masthead is defined in Webster's as "the printed matter in a newspaper or periodical that gives the title and pertinent details of ownership, advertising rates and subscription rates." Mastheads are frequently published on

newspaper editorial pages, but are even less personal and less read than the editorials. In the QUILEUTE INDIAN NEWS the masthead tells readers that the paper is "A tribal newspaper proudly published for better communication, for on-off reservation Indians." Then it continues: "Due to the lack

of news we are unable to publish bi-weekly, but we are trying our darndest to stay in operation. It's quite a load to carry being there's only two (2) of us." The two (2) being Editor David A. Jackson and Asst. Editor Vicki George. The rest of the paper is as refreshing and interesting as the masthead.

## Senate Committee Continued

The Senate Rules and Administration Committee voted 8 to 1 to continue for another two years the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs, now headed by Senator James Abourezk.

Rules Chairman, Senator Howard Cannon, of Nevada, steadfastly opposed making the Indian committee permanent and approval by the entire Senate of even

the temporary continuation is less than certain.

Membership on the committee, if it is continued for the two years, is another uncertainty. Both ranking members, Abourezk and Senator Dewey Bartlett of Oklahoma, are retiring. There has been talk that the other members, Senators Melcher of Montana, Metzenbaum of

Ohio and Hatfield of Oregon, are not anxious to continue on the committee. The Indian committee is no plum. Some Senators from Indian country will dodge it because they do not want to be thrust into Indian-non-Indian controversies. Senators from other parts of the country have no constituency to serve when they function on the Indian committee.

## Gerard Names Harjo To BIA Staff

Indian Affairs Assistant Secretary Forrest J. Gerard today announced that he has appointed Suzan Harjo to be Special Assistant for Legislation and Liaison.

Harjo, 32, is Cheyenne and Creek and an enrolled member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. She will serve on the Assistant Secretary's immediate staff in the areas of Congressional and Tribal relations.

Harjo has directed the legislative program of the Native American Rights Fund, a legal association devoted to the protection of Indian rights and the orderly development of Indian law. Her work with NARF included efforts toward defining and implementing Indian legislative priorities and objectives.

In announcing her appointment, the Assistant Secretary stated, "Ms. Harjo's varied experience, expertise, and understanding of Indian priority issues will enhance our capability to address the complex intergovernmental and legislative issues involved in Indian Affairs at present."

Previously, Harjo served as Communications Director and Legislative Assistant for the National Congress of American Indians, representing NCAI as a

member of the Advisory Council of National Organizations to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and Coordinator of the National Indian Litigation Committee. In 1975, she was Project Coordinator for the NCAI-National Tribal Chairmen's Association review and analysis of the Federal regulations proposed for implementation of P.L. 93-638, the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.

Harjo has also served as News Director for the American Indian Press Association. Until 1974, she was faculty coordinator of a lecture series on contemporary Indian issues for six semesters at the New York University School of Continuing Education. For four years she co-produced a bi-weekly news and analysis program, "Seeing Red," for WBAI-FM radio in New York City, where she also worked as Director of the Pacifica Network's Drama and Literature Department.

A 1976-77 John Hay Whitney Research Fellow, Harjo has published articles and poetry in numerous forums and anthologies, the most recent of which is the 1978 anthology of contemporary Native American literature.

## THE REMEMBERED EARTH.

Harjo, born in El Reno, Oklahoma, is married to Frank Ray Harjo, Creek, and has a twelve-year old daughter and a five-year old son.

## Democrats Support Indians

In Washington State both the Republican and Democratic parties have included Indian planks in political platforms announced July 1. The Democrats are for and the Republicans against supporting Indian treaty rights. The Democrats said: "We demand that our country honor the treaties it has established with Native Americans and their rights to redress of grievances. We endorse the Native Americans' struggle for self-determination."

The Republican plank was: "We believe they (Indians), and the rest of society, will be best served by elimination of special benefits and burdens which are the legacy of the 19th Century. We favor extinguishing of special Indian treaty rights by purchase or negotiation for fair compensation and an end to the BIA. These steps ... will end special treatment of Indians and bring them to full equality under the law."



## Food Stamp Program Offered By DISR

The Department of Institutions, Social and Rehabilitative Services (DISRS) has an office located at the county seat of every county in Oklahoma.

DISRS administers the food stamp program of the Department of Agriculture. The food stamp program allows a person to pay a portion of their monthly net income, after taxes, allowances for loading, and work related transportation, and receive food stamps valued above the cost which the individual paid. This, in effect, increases the buying power of the low income family and assists the family in meeting the food needs of its members.

You do not have to be unemployed or receiving public assistance

payments to get food stamps. They are for anyone whose income meets eligibility requirements. Extremely low income families may be eligible to receive food stamps at no cost.

When you apply for food stamps, you must list all members of your household and bring proof of income, resources and expenses, including the following:

- Social security numbers of all household members;
- All income of people in the household, such as latest pay slips and pension award letters;
- Cash on hand, in bank accounts and stocks and bonds;
- Rent receipts, house payment book and receipts for taxes and insurance;

- Utility bills, such as gas, electricity, and water;

- Fire insurance premiums on home and its contents, if paid separately from house payments;

- Medical expenses, including doctor, dentist, optometrist, hospital, nursing service, prescription drugs, medical insurance and related expenses;

- Funeral expenses being paid;

- Child or family care expenses;

- Tuition or other required school fees;

- Court ordered child support or alimony.

Food stamp eligibility is determined by the Oklahoma Department of Institutions, Social and Rehabilitative Services (DISRS). Applications for food stamps are taken in the DISRS office in the county where you live.

For further information contact the OIO office at 555 Constitution in Norman, 405-329-3737.

## Help Wanted

The Creek Nation Community Hospital has the following openings: Supply Clerk-Knowledge of inventory systems required.

Medical Technologist-required license, preferred experience as CMT in hospital setting.

Instructor--3 months experience, ability to instruct Adult Education

Manager-3 months experience in pre-school administration preferred.

Please send all resumes to Sandra Rana, Personnel Officer, P.O. Box 1114 Okmulgee, Ok, 74447.

The United States Civil Service Commission's

Albuquerque area office will accept applications for correctional officer positions under announcement 431 from July 27, 1978, through August 28, 1978. Positions are in Department of Justice correctional facilities in the states of Texas and Oklahoma and carry a starting of \$11,101 per year (GS-6).

Application forms and additional information may be obtained by writing, calling, or visiting the Federal Job Information Center at 200 Northwest Fifth Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102; telephone 405-231-4948.

## Indian Honored In D.C.

Just north of the old BIA building and adjoining the new Federal Reserve Bank Building in Washington, D.C. is an attractive, small park featuring a beautiful, cooling fountain. It is the Robert Lathan Owen Park honoring the memory of an Oklahoma Cherokee Indian.

A plaque near the fountain describes Owen, 1856-1947 as "Teacher, lawyer, banker, businessman and

statesman, member Cherokee Indian Nation, U.S. Senator from Oklahoma 1907-25. Proponent and the first Chairman of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee. A principal advocate and co-sponsor of the Glass-Owen Bill creating the Federal Reserve System." The plaque has Owen's name written in letters from both the English and Cherokee alphabets.

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Agencies Building, Sapulpa Community Center, General Services Administration Building and the Agribusiness in Dustin.

The Independent Agencies Building is a \$786,244 project that will have two primary functions. It will house five of the tribal governments independent agencies and will provide larger, more versatile council room. This building, due to be completed in November, is being constructed south of the Complex in Okmulgee.

The nickname of the building is "the Mound." The Independent Agencies building was, in fact, designed with similar characteristics, faces east, has a tunnel-line entrance and puts the primary focus on the centrally located council room.

The council room is an amphitheater with a fixed seating for 200 and a large stage capable of ac-

comodating professional theatrical productions. The council room will be available for use of Creek Nation Indian Community organizations as well as other Civic and Indian groups.

Office suites for the five Creek Nation independent agencies will circle the council room. The agencies that will be located in the new building are the Election Board, Citizenship Board, Hospital Board, Board of Regents and Economic Affairs Board.

The Sapulpa Community Building will be used primarily as a medical facility and is similar to the Eufaula Clinic.

The construction site is on trust land that is located within the city limits of Sapulpa. This act caused tribal leaders to have disagreements with Sapulpa city officials over the legality of beginning construction. When the city engineer of Sapulpa ordered construction to



## Longest Walk Ends In Washington D.C.

The Longest Walk, a peaceful demonstration protesting anti-Indian legislation, reached destination in Washington D.C. last month.

The Walk began February 11 in California and proceeded across the U.S. asking individuals and members of Congress to support Indian treaty rights and to oppose

pending legislation viewed as anti-Indian.

The Walk initiated nationwide press attention and received both good and bad coverage. The demonstration was successful in capturing the attention of the American public and hopefully, also in gaining their support in battling the damaging legislation.

stop, Chief Cox and other Creek Nation officials explained to the Sapulpa city attorney that the city had absolutely no legal jurisdiction over tribal trust land. Construction resumed immediately.

Also scheduled for completion August 25 is the General Services Administration Building. Built at a cost of \$240,089, the GSA Building is located southeast of the complex.

This building will house several Creek Nation departments-property and supply, purchasing, graphic arts, and will include a motor pool, mechanic shop, vehicle wash bay and warehouse space with a truck loading dock.

The Agribusiness is one of the most far reaching projects that Creek Nation planners and officials have tackled. Located west of Dustin, the Agribusiness will produce and market dairy products, poultry, crops and livestock and will

employ hundreds of Indians.

The Agribusiness project has been divided into three phases. Phase I deals with commercial production of the above mentioned goods. Phase II is the processing step and will take 3-10 years. This will entail constructing a slaughter house, meat processing plant, cannery and tannery. Phase III is the marketing stage and is planned to be completed in 20-25 years. The goods produced and processed through the Agribusiness will then be distributed through wholesale and retail outlets.

Phase I construction of a dairy barn, water tower, and poultry barn has already begun. \$1.5 million of the 1977 LPW grant to Creek Nation is being used to begin this project. The entire project will cost several million dollars over the next 25 years. Development will continue as funds and grants are available.

health  
tip

When removing a tick, it is important that the head of the tick is removed along with the body. If the head is left in the skin it may cause infection. Nail polish spread sparingly over the tick bite will cause it to let go of the skin.



## PRINCIPAL CHIEFS OF THE CREEK NATION

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In the puzzle above, find the names of the thirteen men who have served/are serving as Creek Chief since 1907.

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| 1. Claude Allen Cox 1971-1979   | 8. Peter Ewings 1931             |
| 2. W.E. Dode McIntosh 1961-1971 | 9. Henry Harjo 1930              |
| 3. Turner Bear 1957-1961        | 10. George Hill 1923-1928        |
| 4. Roley Buck 1955-1957         | 11. Washington Grayson 1921-1923 |
| 5. John Davis 1951-1955         | 12. George W. Grayson 1917-1920  |
| 6. Alex Noon 1939-1943          | 13. Motey Tiger 1907-1917        |
| 7. Roley Canard 1935-1939       | 1943-1951                        |



## Native American Consultants Needed In Communications

A demand for Native American programming on public television far exceeds the supply because there is a lack of good broadcasting material.

This is the observation of John Maestas, chairman of the Brigham Young University Indian Education Department who was recently elected vice-chairman of the Native American Public Broadcasting Consortium (NAPBC). He has been on the organization's board of directors since it was organized four years ago.

"Paralleling the lack of good material for broadcasting is the shortage of Indians trained to work in the broadcasting field," Mr. Maestas said. "Many Native Americans would be interested in public broadcasting, but they simply are not well enough aware of it or familiar with how to get in."

During the past year on a two-year grant from the Corporation of Public Broadcasting, the NAPBC has been previewing and rating films and videotapes, collecting materials and organizing them for distribution to 26 member stations, and providing a core of professional Native American consultants to help educational television stations with productions. A total of 18 hours of programming is already available to the member stations as well as on a rental basis for non-member stations.

Educational institutions - from elementary schools to universities - may also take advantage of the material collected on Native Americans, he added.

"KBYU-TV, in conjunction with the consortium, is working on a 13-part television series entitled 'The Wisdom of the First Americans,'" Mr. Maestas said. "A 30-minute pilot on the Navajos has already been broadcast. And recently released was the second in the series called 'Mother Corn,' produced by Brian Capener of KBYU-TV under a grant from the Rocky Mountain TV Network." The latter production deals with corn and its physical use as well as its symbolic and spiritual use.

Funds are now being sought to complete the remaining 11 parts in the series.

"The consortium has found that stations are very interested in the idea of Native American programming and many would like to produce more," Mr. Maestas emphasized, "but they haven't the resources - especially Native Americans on the staff. Currently, about nine Indians work in public TV stations."

The new vice-chairman observes that the Native American situation isn't different from those of other minority groups, except that perhaps it's one of the latest voices to be heard. The consortium has been represented nationally by Frank Blythe, NAPBC executive director, who has testified before Congress and the Carnegie Commission on the services they believe public broadcasting is obligated to provide minority audiences.

"Mr. Blythe told the hearings that PBS's thinking on minority programming in general needs to be changed. There isn't enough time devoted to it on the national schedule. Program managers get the feeling that minority programming is low priority, and it gets lost in the shuffle," Mr. Maestas reported.

The consortium has its

headquarters at the University of Nebraska Telecommunications Center in Lincoln. Its board members are available to work with member stations to procure funds from different agencies, as well as provide technical writing assistance for proposals for production funds. Experts during the production will also be provided by the group.

At BYU Mr. Maestas is heavily involved encouraging young Indian students to enter the broadcast field because there are many opportunities for them. He has been chairman of the department since 1974 and oversees the education of more than 500 Indians on campus, which is one of the largest groups of Indians at a university anywhere in the United States.

Mr. Maestas is a Tewa-Pueblo originally from Manassa, Colo. He earned a B.A. degree at Adams State College, a master's degree at BYU in public address and forensics, and is just completing work for his Ed.D. at BYU. He has won numerous awards and has presented dozens of talks and papers centered around Indian affairs. He and his wife Theresa Gallardo have three children and they reside in Orem. He was recently released as bishop of the Orem 30th Ward.

## Housing Authority Plans New Projects

The Creek Nation Housing Authority has just completed a 100 unit Mutual Help project. These houses were located in all eight counties of the Creek Nation. The Housing Authority has completed and currently has under management 940 units. An additional 100 unit project was placed under contract during July, 1978. These homes are scattered throughout the Creek Nation. Those homes located in McIntosh County are scheduled to begin first. As a result the workshop is located in Checotah. Plans are to move this workshop upon completion of the McIntosh County stage.

The Housing Authority has approved plan to build the following homes as follows:

1. Glenpool-70 Mutual Help homes on lots purchased by the Housing Authority.
  2. Okmulgee-55 Mutual Help homes on lots purchased by the Housing Authority.
  3. Okmulgee- 100 low-rent units.
  4. Hughes- 75 Mutual Help homes on lots purchased by the Housing Authority.
- The above mentioned projects is scheduled to begin around October 1.



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## Extension Pending Re-Establishment Of Creek National Council

A ruling providing the Principal Chief the power to expend or permit the expenditure of any funds under custody or control of the Creek Nation or to enter into contracts on behalf of the Creek Nation has been handed down from a United States District Court.

The time limit of this ruling is dependant on the reestablishment of a new Creek National Council, as stated in an 1867 Creek Constitution.

At present a five member commission is being formed to enact legislature concerning the ratification of the new proposed constitution.

The court ruling stated

that the five member committee which presently has four members must select the fifth member and final member of the commission within thirty days from the court order, which was filed August 22, 1978.

Within seven months after the filing of the order the commission shall bring to a direct vote of the Creek people, questions concerning the ratification a new draft constitution.

After the re-establishment of a new National Council the council will assume the responsibility, along with the principal chief, of

deciding the allocation of funds controlled by the Creek Nation. The National Council will also decide what contracts will be entered into on behalf of the Creek Nation.

Between now and the time when the officers and representatives of the National Council are installed the Principal Chief can enter on behalf of the Creek Nation.

Between now and the time when the officers and representatives of the National Council are installed the Principal Chief can enter on behalf of the Creek Nation, contracts lasting up to 18 months.

## Co-Editor Leaves MNS

Susan Bunney who was co-editor of the Muscogee Nation News has left the news staff, to become a writer for the Daily Oklahoman in Oklahoma City. Susan has worked

for Creek Nation for the past year and a half, first with the Division of Human Development, then with the Muscogee Nation News.

Susan has made many friends while working at Creek Nation, she will be missed by all especially by the news staff.

Reflecting back on her job and Creek Nation, she said "I guess what I'll miss most of all is not being around Indians."

We wish her much happiness and success in her new job, and Thank her for all that she contributed to the Muscogee Nation News.



## Creek-Otoe Named Miss Indian American

Susan Marie Arkeketa of Sands Springs, Oklahoma was named Miss Indian America 1978 during the All-American Days Indian Celebration in Sheridan, Wyo.

The 23 year-old Miss Indian America is of Creek and Otoe-Missouri descent. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Arkeketa, Sand Springs, and the granddaughter of Jess and Margaret Freeman of Okmulgee.

A graduate of Charles Page High School, Susan began to show her leadership abilities as early as the fifth grade when she was chosen outstanding Girl Scout.

While in high school, Susan was Student Council Representative, Editor of the Tulsa World Youth News, and a volunteer worker at the Hissom Memorial Center.

Majoring in Journalism at the University of Oklahoma Susan has been

on the Deans Honor Roll, received the Leadership Action Award, elected President of the American Indian Student Association, been minority affairs editor for the Oklahoma Daily, on the O.U. Howdy week committee, and on the Board of Directors for the National Indian Education Association.

Susan's work experiences have been with the O.U. Oklahoma Daily, reporter for Wasseja, a National Indian newspaper, and Physical Therapist Assistant for Goddard Health Center. Susan is presently employed as a youth counselor for the Native American Center in Oklahoma City.

During Miss Arkeketa's reign as Miss Indian America she expects to do a lot of traveling, hoping to bridge the gaps between Indian and non-Indian people wherever she goes.

## Indian Program Budgets Cut

The Senate Appropriations Committee issued a critical report on the 1979 Bureau of Indian Affairs budget request, calling some of the requests "not adequately justified," or "based on vague justifications for program increases."

The committee then cut funding for the operation of several Indian programs, but it added monies for capital construction and road construction. The net result was a total budget still larger than requested, but smaller than the one approved by the House of Representatives.

The Senate reduced funding for operation of Indian programs by a net of \$6.2 million and the amount approved by the House by \$36 million. The cuts included \$11.6 million

for education programs, \$3.6 million for trust responsibilities and \$7 million for natural resources. These reductions in program operations were offset in part by additions of \$5 million for special education, \$10 million for housing, and \$12.8 million for self-determination services. Also the Senate added \$30.2 million for construction and \$5.3 million for road construction, resulting in an overall increase of just under \$30 million from the administration request.

In its report the committee indicated it may have made greater cuts were it not for the fact that "new leadership in the Department and the BIA is currently moving to reorganize the BIA so that many persistent management problems can be dealt with more effectively."

The report also noted that Federal funding for

Indian programs had quadrupled in the past 10 years but increased funding "does not necessarily solve problems, improve services, or even provide substantial betterment of Indian welfare."

## M,S&W Holds 103 Annual Meeting

The Muskogee, Seminole and Wichita Indian Baptist Association held its 103rd annual meeting August 16-20 at the Baptist Assembly grounds, 7 miles east of Henryetta, Oklahoma.

Consisting of 19 participating Indian Baptist Churches located throughout Oklahoma, the association has been in existence since 1875.

The association was organized under a brush

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# CREEK NATION FORUM

## An Open Letter To All Native Americans

Dear Fellow Indians:

Much has been said about the assimilation of the Indian into the mainstream of American life. One phase of this process was the boarding school initiated by the United States government ages ago. Originally each Indian nation was to have had its own school geared to basic education but culturally within the realm of its own tribe. Unwilling to fulfill such a commitment the government offered to assemble children of all tribes in various Indian schools scattered across the nation.

Faced with another broken promise embattled Indians, knowing full well they had no real choice, sent their children in hopes of a better life for them.

This boarding school lifestyle may have had its drawbacks, but on the other hand it created a melting pot of a host of different tribes. Those of us who have ever attended such a school will never forget the precious legacy of comradery we extracted from one another during some very harsh times.

One of the few remaining schools of this kind is Seneca Indian School at Wyandotte, Oklahoma. It nestles unobtrusively in the northeast corner of the state. Over the years it has housed many children whether they were orphaned, disadvantaged or there by their own choice. The problems of the children there now are perhaps intensified by new pressures of a changing world.

Seneca Indian School might follow in the wake of other such federally funded places and be no more. There is talk of closing the school. The reasons are many, but the reasons for keeping it open are legion. Those who weigh the pros and cons should not overlook the one, all important, element in the special needs of an Indian child and that is a sense of belonging.

We should re-examine this system of child rearing. Your input and ideas could upgrade it.

This particular school now operates on a severe budget under the direction of the state of Oklahoma. We must assume that those responsible are giving them the best they have to offer.

There is a desperate need for involvement in this area of our youth's education. We must assume the responsibility and offer them the best. Letters in the form of a petition to the Governor from your church or organization would be helpful. Please respond.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hepsey Berryhill Freeman (Creek)  
Seneca Indian School Alumna

P.S. Send all inquiries to:  
Principal Ray McGilbray (Creek)  
Seneca Indian School  
Wyandotte, Oklahoma

## Creek Historial Site Closed To Public

The Creek Nation has been interested in a tract of land totaling nearly one acre. The tract has been acquired by the Creek Nation through six Quit Claim Deeds, by Stockton F. Porter, Patrick Porter, Mildred Porter Harrison, John Porter, Portia Porter, Settle and Mary Ellen Porter Lane.

Nineteen years ago the County Commissioner put a road and parking area in for the Pleasant Porter Cemetery. There was a right of way for the half section road and the road into the cemetery and assumed that it was put on record at that time.

The land was sold and the new owners agreed to let the Porter's bury their dead but refused to let them carry on their historical ceremonies.

The deed given is for one acre and as the cemetery area is already fenced doesn't include an acre. We are in hope the new owner would allow us to put in a parking area

and a road going to and from the cemetery. Altogether it would not equal any more than one acre.

The gravesite of Pleasant Porter is now in a state of overgrowth. The headstones are overgrown with brush and poison ivy. It is nearly impossible to distinguish Pleasant Porters' grave.

We need the support of everyone who reads this article to help us in getting this historical monument to Pleasant Porter opened to the public.

If you would like to offer your help or inquire about more information write to Debra Griffith, Dept. of Research, Creek Nation Box 1114 Okmulgee, OK 74447.

## Tribal Recognition Regulated

Under proposed regulations, the U.S. Department of the Interior would officially recognize Indian tribes which have maintained a tribal relationship since aboriginal times and kept at least some aspects of sovereignty.

These rules would

define tribal recognition for the federal government, but would not necessarily determine eligibility for all federal programs for native Americans. They would apply to programs of Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service.

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor

Please print this letter in your Newspaper. I lost a custody suit to my x-wife (Who is white) in April 1978 in the "Probate Court, Marquette, Michigan" I'm poor & Indian & that is why I lost the custody suite to my white x-wife.

So now my 9-year-old son will never no that he is Indian. He will never learn about his Creek people & will never be able to learn about our Creek History!

I did not have the \$400 to hire my own Attorney so the court appointed me one & so I lost! I don't think it is fair!

Its not fair that the white courts gave my 9-year-old son to a white woman to raise!

I don't get paid for my work in the American Indian Defense of Indiana.

Its the same story over & over again (White people take Indian children away from Indian people & raise them white!)

I love my 9-year-old son & he loves me too!

I guess people just don't care!

Maybe one of your readers will read this letter & help me out! But I don't think so.

In The Struggle, Stewart Rudda, Walking Wolf, P.O. Box 126, New Point, Indiana 47263.

## Creek Treaties Seminar

Two seminars, one concerning Creek treaties, and the other on facts and disputes involving Creek Indians and the British Government were held in the council room of the Creek Complex, August 7 and 22.

During the treaty seminar Robert Trepp, manager of Government Policy and Research, discussed the history, what each side received, and the importance of the Creek treaties today. Phillip Deere, Creek Tribal member was also speaker at the treaty seminar.

John T. Juricek, professor of History at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia was the main speaker at the seminar concerning Creek and British relations.

Both seminars were sponsored by the Department of Government Policy and Research Administration.

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## Chief Look Towards Future

Claude Allen Cox has served as principal chief of Creek Nation since 1971. Under his direction the tribe has grown from a one man, one room operation to an expansive, 1200 employee organization.

The son of Porter and Stella Haynes Cox and the grandson of Samuel J. Haynes Chief Cox was born in 1913. A lifelong resident of Okmulgee County, he attended school there until 1929 when, after his father's death, he was forced to quit school to take care of his mother and six younger brothers and sisters.

After working for a local oil company for a few months, Cox began his 45 year career with the Public Service Company of Oklahoma. He began as a truck driver and worked his way up to a lineman, then supervisor and to the department of customer contact and new business.

During Cox's lifetime, he has served in several church and labor union positions. In 1950, he was elected treasurer for the Northeast district of the United Methodist Church and also served as treasurer for the NE Dist. Oklahoma Indian Mission Conference for 20 years. From 1954 to 1962, he served on the Finance and Pension Board of Oklahoma Indian Mission. Cox was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electric Workers, Local 785 for 25 years and served as president of that organization for eight years.

Before Chief Cox's retirement from Public Service Company in 1974, he was active in Creek tribal affairs. He was appointed by Chief Dode McIntosh to the National Council during 1960-65. Cox was first elected as Chief of the Creek people in 1971 and has served in that capacity ever since.

The tribal office at that time consisted of one room in the Creek Council House. That was seven years ago. Today a sprawling tribal complex of buildings in Okmulgee is the central office for the many programs and services offered by Creek Nation.

Employees and physical improvements are evident in the 28 Indian communities organized under Creek

Nation. Educational, agricultural, medical, housing, and many other services are offered to Indian people through the Creek community organizations.

The phenomenal growth hasn't always been a simple process. There were many times when Creek Nation's advancement seemed to halt. Each time, Chief Cox stepped in with his philosophy of getting things done. "There's always a way if you keep going and don't look back. We had to try to turn things around and get them going in the right direction. The key is to

keep going, keep trying."

"I believe," he continued, "that we've just scratched the surface. Creek Nation is becoming a strong, progressive nation within a nation. We're looking toward improving all our present programs in housing, health, education, agriculture, and especially looking forward to getting involved in industry. The future looks good for us."

Chief Cox has two daughters, Cogee Keith and Billie Sterner. He has ten grandchildren and one great granddaughter. He and his wife, Lillie, live in Okmulgee.

## Creek Runs For State Senate

Miller attended Oklahoma State University and received a BS degree in Animal Science in 1952. He was a member of the Morris School Board for 12 years and served as president of the board the last five of those years.

"Many of my friends throughout the district have urged me to become a candidate for this position," says Miller, "and because of my concern for good, honest government and after much consideration of the sacrifice involved, I have decided to announce my candidacy."

Miller, 48 years old, and his wife, Jane, are members of the First Baptist Church in Morris. They have two daughters, Linda (Mrs. Dewey) Enlow of Sapulpa and Lea Ann (Mrs. Larry) Nix of Hugo. Linda was a national leadership winner and presidential award recipient during her 4-H days. Lea Ann is a student at SE OSU in Durant. Jane has been an instructor in the General Education Department at Oklahoma State Tech for the past 13 years. She was born and raised in McIntosh County at Hitchita. Her father, Fred Rains, a lifelong resident of Hitchita, managed the George D. Hope Lumber Company and then the Muskogee Cotton Oil Company located at Hitchita, and later moved to Council Hill in McIntosh County. Her mother, Cora Rains, taught school at Hitchita for more than 20 years.

Robert L. (Bob) Miller, lifelong Okmulgee County rancher, has announced his candidacy for the District 8 State Senate position.

Miller, a one-quarter Creek Indian, is the son of the late Bluford W. (Bunch) Miller, whose pioneer father, Bluford Miller, started ranching here in the 1880's and was one of the original founders of the Citizens National Bank in Okmulgee. Bob and his brother, Dave, operate part of the original ranch. His mother, the late Mamie J. (Thurmond) Miller, was a niece of Captain Fred S. Severs, first white man to establish a trading post in Okmulgee.

Well known in the Okmulgee County area, Miller is presently a member of the Okmulgee County District Soil Conservation Board, the Okmulgee County Equalization Board, and vice chairman of the Board of Directors of the Muskogee Production Credit Association. He is past president of the Okmulgee County Cattlemen's Association, as well as a member of the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association, the American Hereford Association, and the National Cattlemen's Association. He formerly served as a member of the Northeast Advisory Council to the Division of Agriculture at Oklahoma State University. He is a past member of the Okmulgee County Farm Bureau Board.



## Tribal History

BY  
ROCKY PIGEON  
Creek Nation Historian

The dominant people of the Creek Confederacy called themselves and their language, and conventionalized in later times, "Muscogee" or Muskogee". Although Spanish narratives of the 16th and 17th century do not mention the Muskogee, careful examination seems to show that the people were of complex nature.

The great Muskogee Nation was made up of several distinct 'Bands' or 'Clans.' Although Muskogee was the dominant language, the history of each separate Band must be traced.

As we know, they were in later times distinguished into 'Upper Creeks' and 'Lower Creeks.'

Those residing in the area of Coosa, Tallapoosa, and the Alabama River were classed as 'Upper Creeks' and those on the Chatahoochee and Flint Rivers made up the 'Lower

Band

The honorary name of the Kasihta Band in the Creek Confederacy was 'Kasihta Lakko.' According to the earliest form of the Creek migration legend, as told to Governor Oglethorpe by Chikilli in 1735, the Kasihta and Coweta came from the West as one people, but in time those dwelling toward the east came to be called Kasihta and those to the west Coweta. This ancient unity of origin appears to have been generally admitted down to the present time.

According to John Goat, an aged Tulsa Indian, Kasihta and Coweta were at first one town. When they separated the pot of medicine, which had been buried under their busk fire, the contents were dug up and divided between them. He also maintained that traditionally Kasihta was the larger and more important of the two.

This is the first on a series of brief historical summaries concerning Creek Tribal Clans.







# September

## Community Meeting Dates

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		Bristow Eufaula			Twin Hills	Morris Bingo 7:00 p.m. Okfuskee Wilson
3	Morris Glenpool Hanna Kellyville Wetumka	4	5	6	7	8
			Okmulgee cooking class 9:30 a.m. Yeager		Kellyville softball tournament	Nuyaka
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Dustin Okmulgee					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Yardeka					Sapulpa
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Duck Creek Okemah			Weleetka		



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## ...Okmulgee

The Okmulgee Community held a picnic for all the summer youth in appreciation for the work they have done through the summer months. All the youth enjoyed swimming and everyone had a real good time.

Okmulgee Community will be sponsoring a cooking class on Tuesdays at 9:30. Ludew Walton of Home Extension will be the instructor. Next class will be about making pie crust, six different ways.

The next community meeting will be held Sept. 11, at the Complex at 7:00 so everybody be there! We will have a bingo after the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our Senior Citizens held a food sale, which was very successful. They would like to thank all those that help them in their project.

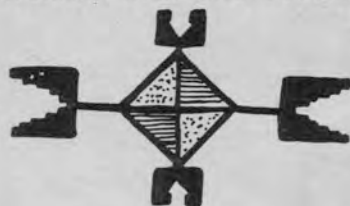
Okmulgee Community is trying to meet the needs of their people, so if you are an Indian who resides in our community, we invite you to take part in our community organization.



## ...Kellyville

The Kellyville Indian community is having a slow-pitch tournament, Sept. 8, 1978. Men and women first and second

place individual trophies with first, second and third place team trophies. Entry fee is \$40.00, deadline for entry is Sept. 6, Contact Beatrice Buckley, Rt. 1 Box 188A Kellyville 74039. Phone 247-6388 or 224-1683.



## ...Coweta

The Coweta Community and the youth would like to express their thanks to Buddy York, Steve Wilson and Creek Nation for the Summer Youth Program. We also in turn would like to thank the parents and community for their support in helping with the youth.

The community building will be completed soon. It is located behind Cider Creek Church on West Pecan. Homer Sarty has donated the building with Mr. and Mrs. Andy Freeman of Coweta. Glenpool community has donated certain items to the center to help us get started.

Creek Nation has delegated certain surveys that have to be completed by Sept. 30 in our community. Everyone will be contacted and your cooperation will be appreciated.

## Summer Youth Program Appreciated

by Anita Tecumseh

The number of Creek Nation communities is still growing.

The Beggs area which has been under the Okmulgee community is in the process of organizing their own community. Their coordinator will be Maxine Adams. Good luck Maxine and Beggs community. We hope the number of communities and their enthusiasm continues to grow.

The coordinators attended a three day seminar on supervision Aug. 23, 24, and 25. The seminar was held at the Western Hills lodge in Wagoner.

The Muscogee Nation News staff would like to give a special "Thanks" to the Okmulgee Community for helping us mail the newspaper every month. Your help is greatly appreciated.

We would also like to thank all the communities that helped with the food sales to raise money for the First Americans.

Most of the communities held parties or picnics for their summer youth workers to show their appreciation for their hard work and helping to support the communities. Even though most of the youth will be returning to school we hope they will continue to be active in their community.

The Muscogee Nation News would like to honor a Senior citizen or an active member of your community. Only one community member will be featured a month. The communities are to submit their choice along with a short story about the person.

The Muscogee Nation News phone number is 756-2530. If you have any questions that the communications staff can answer, or if you have community news or special events please call us, so that it can be mentioned on our weekly radio show which can be heard on KCE SE ufaula at 10:00 Wednesday mornings and on KHEN 99.5 Henryetta 8:30 Thursday mornings.

## ...Twin Hills

Our summer youth workers have gone back to school, but they are still working 2 hours after school, until September 30, 1978. They have done a very good job, this summer and we appreciate their work very much. And we would like to express our Thanks to them.

Some of our community members help put in a carpet in the church which most of our members attend. The carpet was donated by Morris and Alice Fleetwood, members of

this church.

Our community meetings are the first Friday of each month. We would like all community members to attend.

## ...Yeager

August was a very busy month for The Yeager Community. On August 4th the community had a benefit bingo for Houston Yahola and family. We made close to \$300.00

In honor of Summer Youth Farewell, August 11th the Community had a Disco Dance and August 19th we had a B.B.Q. which was a very big success. The B.B.Q. was held out at the Holdenville Lake. Everyone was invited.

Yeager Community also formed a Youth Council. The officers elected were: President, Nan Harjo; Vice President, Willard Yargee; Secretary, Jackie Cook; Treasurer, Frank Moppin; and Reporter, Winnie Ann West. We also picked two reporters from the Summer Youth at the Holdenville High School: Mona Yargee and Doritha Billie. RIGHT ON!!! YEAGER CENTER

## ...Nuyaka

School has started, and the summer youth workers have gone back to school. We take this time to thank Michael and Ruben Proctor, Robbie Roberts, Kelly Thomas for jobs well done.

The two new aides for Nuyaka are J. D. Featherstow and Lou Factor.

We will have our monthly fund raising, Sept. 1, 1978.

Patty Factor is home now after spending some time in the hospital also Noah Factor. Happy to say they're back at work.





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## TRIBAL TOWNS

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| 1. (Arbeka)-Talledage          | 9. Duck Creek             |
| 2. (Hickory Grounds)-Ochiapofa | 10. Alabama               |
| 3. Greenleaf                   | 11. Gar Creek             |
| 4. (New Tulsa)-Little Riber    | 12. Tallahassee           |
| 5. (Muddy Waters)-Wewegufkee   | 13. Nuyaka                |
| 6. (Broken Arrow)-Thlikachlea  | 14. (Peach Ground)-Pukkon |
| 7. (Fish Pond)-Thlothlagolga   | Tallahassee               |
| 8. Okfuskee                    |                           |

## THE WHISPERING TREES

I walked among the oak and elm; sensing a mystery still hidden

And the trees seemed to whisper real low; and on the wind the words had ridden

I yearned to understand the many tales that only the forest creatures knew

As they scurried about happily in the early morning dew

The streams, the trees, the rocks; all with a story of their own

Seemed to whisper a story; as I stood there alone

Even the wise old owl; sitting high on a limb

Pretended not to hear a word; as the whispers grew real slim

Along the way home my mind was far away

To another time long ago; to another day

Where old people and children; lived in harmony

This for me to really know; this for me to see

The trees will always whisper; in a real low tone

To those who'll stay and listen; to those that are alone.

Noah Timothy

## Burgess Graduates From School Of Theology

Benjamin F. Burgess, born around Schuler Community and living around the same community, was graduated from The Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, on Aug. 10, 1978, at 7:30 p.m.

Ben is a member of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, United Methodist Church. Has served as pastor at Yeager Circuit (with four Churches) and Honey Creek Circuit (with four Churches).

He is a member of

Little Cussetah United Methodist Church, located west of Schuler.

Ben attended primary school at Schuler and attended Wilson High School and was graduated from high school at Wilson, before attending Bacone College in Muskogee. He is a WWII veteran serving in the Air Force in European Theater. After WWII service he moved to Oklahoma City and worked at Linker Air Base, until his retirement and he moved to Henrvetta area, where he

makes his home.

The Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference had five members to graduate at Perkins School of Theology. Receiving their diplomas were, Ben F. Burgess, Henrvetta, OK; Earl Dunson, Stillwell, OK; Jesse Sullivan, Dist Supt. N.E. Dist., Jenks, OK; Lester Sims, S.E. Dist. Pastor; and Joe Wesley Jr., Ft. Reno, OK.

The entire Oklahoma Missionary Conference extends its congratulations and thanks for these men's sacrifices and perseverance for the sake of our people.

## Creek-Kiowa Receives Awards

Terrel Tanequodle, Creek-Kiowa, a seventh grade student in Anadarko, was awarded the American Legion Award at the Awards Assembly this past school year at Anadarko's West Elementary School.

The American Legion Award is awarded those students who demonstrate outstanding, high quality abilities in the area of character, leadership, scholarship and citizenship.

Terrel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tanequodle of Anadarko, Oklahoma. His mother is the former Rosella Randall of Henrvetta, a full blood Creek. His father, is well known in the Pow-Wow world as "Snowball", a full blood Kiowa, and can usually be seen at most Pow-Wows as Arena Director or Emcee.

Terrel's Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Timmie Randall and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Redbird.

## Former NCAI President Runs For Senate

Mel Tonasket, a member of the Colville Business Council and former president of the National Congress of American Indians, has announced that he plans to seek a seat in the United States House of Representatives as the member for the 5th District of the State of Washington. Tonasket, who will run as an independent, said in a YAKIMA NATION REVIEW interview, "My primary objective is to beat (Rep. Tom) Foley," the incumbent. Tonasket

said Foley "has totally lost interest in Indians — he never had it. He did support six Colville termination bills. There's no doubt he doesn't like Indians." The 5th District runs vertically along the Washington-Idaho border and embraces 13 complete counties and a portion of another. Urban areas in the district include Spokane, Walla Walla, Clarkston, and part of the Tri-Cities. The Colville, Spokane and Kalispel Reservations are within the district.

## Foster Receives Medical Degree

Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity is proud to announce the recent graduation of former OIO

employee Kenneth Foster (Creek) from the Stanford University School of Medicine.

Kenneth worked for OIO as youth coordinator during the days that OIO was active in youth leadership development.

Kenneth is formerly of Holdenville, Oklahoma and the son of Washie and Mary Foster. Dr. Foster now makes his home in San Francisco, California.

On his way to achieving his medical degree, Kenneth studied pre-med in Austria and at Harvard University. He continued on to receive a masters degree in public health in epidemiology from the University of California at Berkeley. Kenneth will be doing his internship at the Public Health Service Hospital in San Francisco. His specialty is internal medicine.

## Tulsa Indians Receive Health Resource Services

For many years the Indian people of Urban Tulsa have been faced with the problem of the inaccessability of proper health care services. Social and cultural barriers exist that prevent the Indian people from receiving the health care that so many people take for granted. All Urban area Indian people are faced with basically the same barriers in any Urban Setting in the nation. Two of the most common barriers are the lack of finances or transportation, and the unawareness of services that are available. Many Indian people believe that the Indian Health Service is the only source of medical care for them. Those who live in an Urban setting are placed at low priority in receiving health care from an Indian Health Service facility.

In March, 1976, the Native American Coalition, after seeing that this need existed for health care, initiated the Indian Health Care Resource Center, (IHCRC).

IHCRC began as a branch program of the Coalition and the main purpose of IHCRC was to act as a referral center to assist the Urban Indian population of Tulsa in obtaining the proper health care services that had previously been not accessible to them.

The first year of the IHCRC program proceeded rapidly and at the end of that year, IHCRC had developed and initiated the provision of clinical services which included General Family practice clinics based on half days, Immunizations, OB + GYN, Family Planning and Laboratory services.

IHCRC has now become a comprehensive health care facility and is a provider of direct health care. In May 1978, IHCRC became incorporated by the State of Oklahoma, and is overseen by a policy making Health Board comprised of Urban Indians who are both consumer and provider.

IHCRC is now in the process of developing an Urban Specific Health Plan for the Indian population in Tulsa. This plan will be presented to the Area Office of Indian Health Service, who will present a total health plan to the Secretary of HEW. The Secretary of HEW will recommend a total Health Care Plan to Congress in 1980. This will determine the need for future appropriations for Indian Health Care for the Tribes and Urban Indian people.



# sports

## 1st Americans National Champs

The First Americans, a local All-Indian women's softball team, captured the national championship at the National Indian Athletic Association tournament in Billingham, Washington, August 24-27.

The First Americans, compiling a perfect record during the tourney, won five straight games to take the championship.

The tournament, hosted by the Lummi Tribe, was sanctioned by the National Indian Athletic Association.

The First American Pitcher, Delores Walker, received MVP, All-Star, and Best Supporting Player. Karen Long,

shortstop for the team also made the All-Star team. First American team members were: C-Ruth Walker, P-Delores Walker, 1B-Hanna Beaver, 2B-Thomasine Long, SS-Karen Long, 3B-Pam Johnson, LF-Minnie Wolfe, CF-Lois Carter, RF-Darnell Day, Louise Grayson, Sharon Johnson, and Letha Carter. The team would like to thank all the people who made their trip possible.

Team scores: First Americans 9, Queets-Wash. 1; First Americans 2, Lummi-Wash. 1; First Americans 6, Cote-Can. 4; First Americans 3, Nanain-Can. 1; First Americans 4, Sierra Chemical-Calif. 2.



## CNNA Team National Runner-Up

The Creek National Athletic Association Softball Team captured the Runner-up position at the National Indian Athletic Association Tournament held in Calgary, Canada August 16-19.

Twenty-three top ranked Indian teams from all over the United States and Canada participated in the tournament.

Emerging from the losers bracket after losing their second game to eventual National Champion Oklahoma Intertribal, Creek Nation Athletic Association won five in a row only to lose again to Oklahoma Inter-Tribal in the finals.

Bill Berry — 1B, Amon Yargee — C, and Joe Tuttle — SS, coach were named to the All-Star team.

The Creek Nation Team players were: Rusty Miller — left field, Richmond Lietka — pitcher,

Amon Yargee — catcher, Cecil Tiger — right field, JoJo Barnett — center field, Bill Berry — first base, Phil Berry — third base, Leon McPelrryman — pitcher, John Bear — right field, Leon Lena — second base, Justin Barnett — center field, Joe Tuttle — short stop.

The softball team would like to express their gratitude to the Creek Nation Athletic Association, The Creek Nation Communities, Trophies Unlimited, Sports Scene Bixby and Torbett Printing Co. for their support.

Scores of games played were: CNAA 10, Beardys Medallion, Canada 0; CNAA 2, Okla. Inter-Tribal, Okla. 6; CNAA 3, Native Son, Canada 2; CNAA 4, Yankton, S. Dakota 0; CNAA 2, Ellis System, Okla. 1; CNAA 6, James Redman, Canada 5; CNAA 13, Prince Albert, Can. 7; CNAA 3, Inter-Tribal, Okla. 4.



## 103rd Annual Meeting

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arbor near the Old Artussee Church. When first organized the Association consisted of 15 churches. These churches were: Greenleaf, Big Arbor, Little River Seminole, Middle Creek, Mekusukey, Ossoochee, Mount Gideon, Sasakwa, Wewoka, Eufaula, Tookpafka, Tuskegee, Artussee, Wetumka and Alabama.

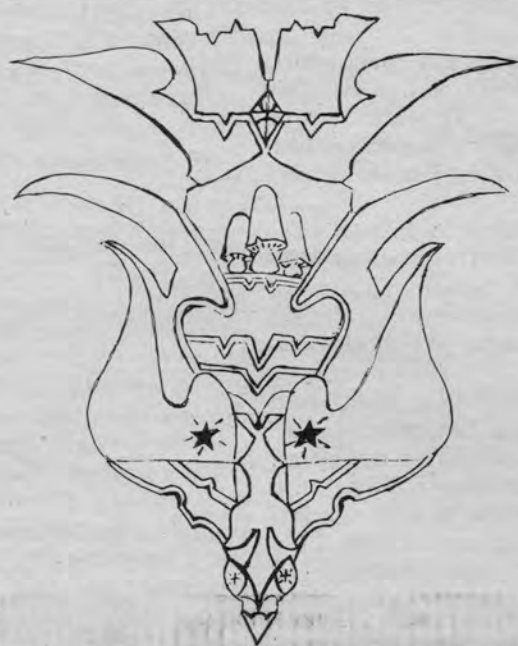
According to the history of the Association, the pastor of the Old Artussee Church requested that

before the business meetings began all the church delegates either go out into the woods or up to the mountains and fast. On Thursday morning the delegates went to fast, seeking God's help in starting the association. On Friday morning the business meeting was called to order by Pahose Harjo Phillips, then the Old Artussee pastor. He stated, "I fully believe with the help of the Holy Spirit and in one mind that we will be able to organize the association." The first organization officers

were: Pahose Harjo Phillips, Moderator; John McIntosh, Secretary; and John Jumper, Treasurer.

Until 8 years ago a church belonging to the association would host the annual meeting. In August 1941 a committee was appointed to find some centrally located land on which to build a permanent meeting site. After much prayer and meditation the present Assembly Grounds were decided upon.

The purpose of these annual meetings are to fellowship with and encourage the different members of the association.





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## Med Student Hopes To Serve Creeks In Future

BY RON ROBINSON

OKLAHOMA CITY -- Health problems afflicting American Indians, especially those living in poverty-stricken rural areas, have led to the double curse of high infant mortality and lowered life expectancy.

The passage of the Indian Self Determination Act by Congress in 1975 gave tribes the option to establish their own health care delivery systems.

This has particular ramifications in Oklahoma since it has the largest Indian population (around 100,000 representing 35 tribes) in the nation.

And now for what is believed to be the first time, a tribe has agreed with one of its members, a medical student from Tulsa, to implement a plan for the establishment of a tribal health care delivery system.

As a first step, the Creek tribe has entered into a contract with Elliot Howe Jr. to pay his way through medical school in return for future medical service.

Howe, who is one-eighth Creek, is a first-year student in the College of Medicine at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. He has agreed to work at the recently acquired Creek Nation-owned hospital in Okemah after he graduates and completes residency training. He is a 1973 graduate of Tulsa Edison High School and a 1978 graduate of OU.

Howe has agreed to spend a year of service with the tribe for every \$5,000 spent on his education with a two-year minimum requirement. However, he quickly

pointed out his decision was easy to make.

"I wanted to do this anyway so it was like a gift from Heaven. I had thought about applying to the Indian Health Service, but was told there couldn't be a guarantee I would get to practice in Okemah," he said.

"When I applied to medical school I decided that I wanted to go back and work with the tribe in Okemah, to help it set up a health care system to meet the needs of the Indians and non-Indians in that area," he added. His father, a Tulsa attorney, is a former member of the tribal council.

The agreement between Howe and the Creek Nation is part of the Community Matching Physician Scholarship Program sponsored by the Physician Manpower

Training Commission. The Creek's funds are matched by state funds to pay Howe's expenses. Howe said the Association of American Indian Physicians told him about the program.

Creek Chief Claude Cox said the agreement with Howe will be "a shot in the arm" to the tribe's efforts at providing health care.

"We just got into this hospital and are on the ground floor in building our health care program. The biggest problem we've faced is getting doctors in here," Cox said.

Cox said he has seen the need for more Indian students, like Howe, training in health careers for some time.

"Seven years ago I said that (lack of Indian health professionals) is the

Con't See Howe P-8



Howe is presently attending OU Med School.

## Creek Housing Dedicates Checotah Homes

The Creek Nation Housing Authority dedicated a twenty eight unit housing project in Checotah, Monday, October 23.

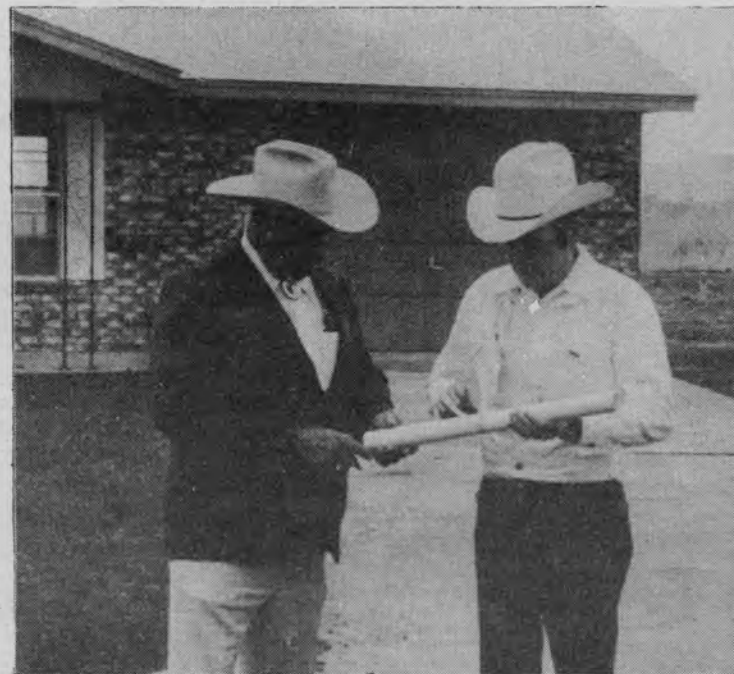
The 28 unit project is the largest project at present to be completed by the housing authority but will soon be surpassed with the completion of a 43 unit housing project in Holdenville, a 55 unit in Okmulgee, and a 70 unit in Glenpool.

Ron Froman, executive director for the Creek housing Authority, said that with the completion of the Checotah project a total of 975 homes will have been built by the authority within the Creek Nation boundaries. Froman said the house

total is expected to go over the one thousand mark by Thanksgiving. The 1000 mark will be a milestone for the Creek Housing Authority, which was organized in December, 1965.

A unique feature of the Checotah addition is the installation of all the utilities underground. This includes all water, sewer, electric, and telephone lines. All the units are family size with each unit having either two or three bedrooms. All residents that will be living at the addition have worked a minimum of 500 hours on the completion of their homes.

Principal Creek Chief  
Con't See Dedication P-15



Chief Cox presents Mayor Beard dedication plat. related photos P-3.



## Creek Art Wanted

The Creek newspaper has begun publishing a calendar center page in each monthly newspaper.

If you have a design or picture that you would like to have published along with a calendar send it to the Communications Department at the Creek Complex, P.O. 1114, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

The design should be in black ink on white paper. The size of the design should be approximately 8½X 11".

The communications staff will decide which design will be published. Deadline is Dec. 25. All art will be returned on request.

For more information call 756-8500 communications department

# CREEK NATION FORUM

## Elderly Housing Construction Begins

Construction has begun on an Elderly Housing Project across the Creek Complex in Okmulgee.

The Housing Addition was funded by HUD thru a loan to The Creek Nation Foundation Incorporated.

The project will consist of 25, four apartment units, a laundry, and meeting room.

Those eligible to live at

the housing project are elderly Indians approximately 62 yrs. of age and older.

After the completion of the project, services such as transportation, recreation, and other services to be named later by the management will be provided.

Completion date will be sometime around the end of 1979.

## Administrator In Middle Of Indian Struggle

The front-page feature story of the September 28 NAVAJO TIMES is an appraisal of Interior Assistant Secretary Forrest Gerard's first year in charge of Indian affairs.

The story by Ron Schreier of the TIMES staff includes extensive comments from Gerard as well as comments from other Indian leaders.

The article acknowledges that Gerard is a man caught in the middle, where an action that wins approval from one group frequently alienates another.

The article quoted Navajo Tribal Chairman Peter MacDonald as

saying that Gerard "must temper his post ... he cannot, I'm sure, come out 100 percent in favor of what Indians want to do."

Sam DeLoria of the New Mexico University Indian Law Center said of Gerard's efforts with higher officials in the government, "I think he's in there fighting. He has his own style. He doesn't put on a suit of armor, get on his white horse and ride down Pennsylvania Avenue."

In the article Gerard was criticized for his position on Indian water rights, his inaccessibility to tribal representatives and for being "bureaucratic."

## Indians Want BIA Education To Remain In Interior

The Senate passed on September 28 S. 991, the bill to establish a new Cabinet-level Department of Education -- but they left the BIA education programs in Interior.

The amendment, introduced by Senator Ted Stevens of Alaska, to exclude the BIA programs from consolidation with the other programs passed by a vote of 47-39.

In arguing for the amendment Senator Stevens said: "I could repeat all the arguments that have been made; but, for myself, the argument that makes the most sense is the one they presented themselves when I chaired the hearings of our committee on the subject. They told me: Self-determination and the Educational Assistance

Act have not been in place long enough for us to make the progress that should be made on our own in managing and controlling our own destiny. They asked me for additional time before their programs are combined with those of the Department of Education.

It is not a position that says that they would never consent to merging the functions of Indian education with the Department of Education. They say that if self-determination means anything, the Indian control over Indian issues, on which we promised we would listen to them, then the whole spirit of self-determination, will be violated if Congress does not listen to them as they represent their people in telling us they do not support this move."

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November 3, 1978

Tribal Members  
Community Workers  
Tribal Employees

SUBJECT: Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978

The Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 is still at the White House awaiting the decision of the President of the United States.

The Justice Department has recommended that the President should not sign the bill, allowing it to die and not become law.

The bill will restore or confirm tribal jurisdiction over the adoption of its minor members. This means that the Creek Nation will be able to establish a tribal court to consider adoptions concerning young Creek citizens.

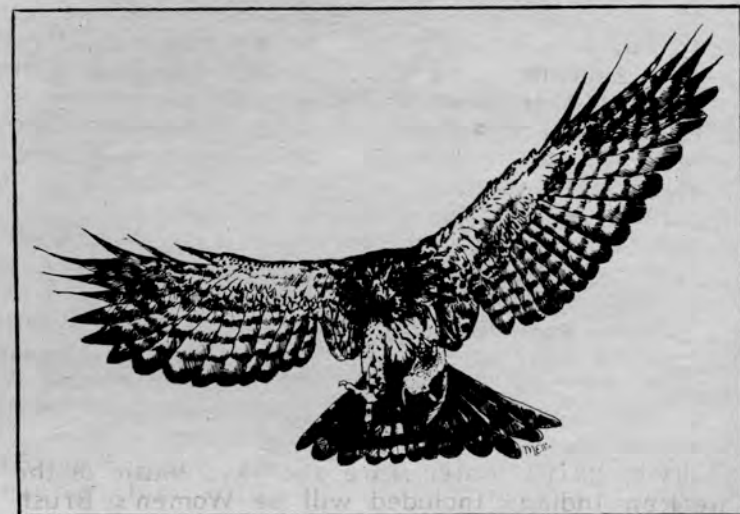
This tribal court will be the final word in these adoption proceedings. It will be able to prevent adoptions out of the community, if possible, or out of the tribe. It will be able to stop the current State procedure of putting Creek children in non-Creek homes.

We all know the importance of a child being raised with their language and culture, and in their own community. This must be stressed to the President.

Write, phone, telegram or petition the White House TODAY. The Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 must be signed by midnight, November 8, 1978, if it is to become law (next Wednesday evening).

Thank you for your continuing work on this matter.

*Robert W. Trepp*  
Robert W. Trepp, Manager  
Government Policy and  
Research Administration





## Letter To The Editor



Muscogee Nation News  
P.O. Box 142  
Morris, Okla.

Pictured are my father and my half brother, Watie Moffer and son Wilson Moffer. Watie Moffer was born in 1871 near Dustin, Okla. I believe, and died in 1919 south of Okemah, Okla. in Okfuskee County. His parents were Tvlwv Harjo and Annie Scott Harjo. Tvlwv Harjo sat on the House of Kings at one time.

Wilson Moffer was accidentally shot and killed at the age of 15 years near Graham School in Okfuskee Co. in 1919.

I would like to get in touch with anyone knowing of Tvlwv Harjo or his sons Watie Moffer, Jossie Moffer, Steven Harjo and Charley Harjo.

I thought you may want this picture for a monthly calendar picture.

Respectfully yours  
Eddie Moffer  
Rt. 2 Box 60  
Chandler, Okla.  
74834

## KWGS 89.5 Offers Programs On Indian Issues

Beginning Thursday, November 2, 1978 at 9 p.m. and for twelve consecutive weeks, excluding Thanksgiving, KWGS will present an hour long program, "You are on Indian Land."

The series presents the voice of Native people speaking about Native issues. Each program features a talk, interview or documentary. The hour is rounded out with contemporary and traditional Native music.

KWGS would appreciate your cooperation in telling the public about this series. Nov. 2 -- Contributions of Native Peoples. Nov. 9 -- David Campbell Interview. Nov. 16 -- Second Battle of Wounded Knee. Nov. 30 -- Wounded Knee Epilogue. Dec. 7 -- Stokeley Carmichael, A.I.M. and You. Dec. 14 -- Clyde Bellecourt. Dec. 21 -- Alcatraz is not an Island. Dec. 28 -- Vine Deloria, Jr.: God is Red. Jan. 4 -- Update on Ganiekeh. Jan. 11 -- Statement from Longhouse at Akwesasne. Jan. 18 -- Floyd Westerman. Jan. 25 -- Oren Lyons.

Also of possible interest to your constituents is a program to air Saturday, December 9 at 8 p.m. featuring "Songs of Earth, Water, Fire and Sky: Music of the American Indian: Included will be Women's Brush Dance (Yoruk); Ribbon Dance (Navajo); Stamp Dance (Cherokee); and Oklahoma Two-Step (Southern Plains).



Checotah Mayor Beard, center, examines a dedicated plat during dedication ceremony. Others present are: Wiley July, E Lisa Hicks, Cheif Coy, George Farris, Ron Froman and Harley Little.



Louis Fish and Ron Froman, Creek Housing officers, explain housing regulations to Checotah residents.



Checotah housing project tenant, Maxine Matthews, is one of the fortunate people who will be living at the 28 unit addition.



# National Indian News

## Indians Natural Farmers

Ten Indian couples attending Brigham Young University have completed harvesting vegetables raised this summer in a special gardening project sponsored by the BYU American Indian Services and Research Center.

Dr. Dale T. Tingey, director of Indian Services, said that the garden project had excellent yields during the summer and helped these married couples learn the value of working the soil and obtaining results from their labor. They harvested corn, squash, cauliflower, tomatoes, cucumbers and cabbage.

"Students received training and supervision on proper planting and maintaining a garden plot," Dr. Tingey said. "The projects really became a family affair with help coming from wives and children. This is all a part of the project - to train and encourage young families to have a garden."

Seeds, fertilizers and irrigation water for the project were donated by Indian Services. A tractor and other gardening equipment were also provided. The project was developed in conjunction with a massive program of Indian gardens. Tribes

and families from Minnesota to California planted gardens with seeds donated by Indian Services.

Student coordinator Bob Scabby, a Southern Cheyenne Indian from El Reno, Okla., said that this was his first garden experience. "Learning how to plant and make crops grow properly was easier than expected. I wish more Indian couples could have the opportunity to participate in such a project. Our family enjoyed an improved diet of fresh vegetables which were more nutritious and less expensive than the traditional Indian diet."

Dr. Tingey said that Indians are natural farmers. He recently met a BYU graduate on the Navajo reservation who is director of a large cooperative farm of 25,000 acres in northern New Mexico. He observed that Indians want to use their lands for raising food and helping Indian people improve their diet.

These garden projects, as well as recently developed fruit and grain programs, will upgrade the Indians' nutritional levels considerably, Dr. Tingey said. Harvest time is always exciting to the Indians.

## Indian Voters Organize

George Nigh, candidate for governor of Oklahoma, spoke at the initial meeting of the Oklahoma Indian League of voters, Thursday, October 19.

The OILV of Tulsa is only one of many such organizations forming throughout Oklahoma. OILV, which is still in its organizational stages, is non-partisan in its quest to register and inform all eligible Indian voters.

The major goals of the OILV is to meet with different candidates in order to question their stands on Indian issues. The OILV hopes that thru organization it will later become a visible voting bloc within the state.

Ethel Krepps, an organizer for the Tulsa Chapter, would like to see an emblem representing the OILV developed so that all members or persons supporting the league would have an opportunity to make their support known by wearing the emblem.

If you would like to join the Oklahoma Indian League of Voters or would like to receive their literature, write: Ethel Krepps, 3326 S. 93rd E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74145.

# Indian Communications Center Expands

Los Angeles, Calif., -- The American Indian Communications Center, headquartered in Van Nuys, Calif., has expanded its services for American Indians into Dallas, Texas and Albuquerque, New Mexico. The American Indian Communications Center is a non-profit "all-volunteer" Indian organization dedicated to expanding the role of American Indians in communications.

The group's founder, Jerry Thompson, (Cherokee) and owner of a Los Angeles based advertising agency announced the new openings today. The Dallas area Regional Coordinator is Frank McLemore. Mr. McLemore is a Cherokee from Oklahoma. He formerly was programs director for the Cherokee Nation and is currently employed by the Civil Service Commission in Dallas as training coordinator. Mr. McLemore has organized local volunteers to assist in the design and development of programs for Texas and Oklahoma Indian organizations. He may be contacted by phoning (214) 241-4415 or 749-1184 or writing to P.O. Box 140343, Dallas, Texas 75214.

Mr. McLemore is

particularly interested in recruiting people interested in assisting in the development of ComCenter programs and in Indian people who may be interested in a career in communications.

For more information on the ComCenter activities in the Albuquerque area; write Joe Baca, Regional Director at 1015 Indian School Rd. N.W. Albuquerque, NM 87102 or phone (505) 243-9773.

The overall goal of the ComCenter is to establish programs that will strengthen and improve communications capacities of tribal, rural and urban Indian organizations and to provide employment opportunities in the public and private sectors. The primary objectives of the ComCenter include:

- +Design and sponsor training in communications for American Indians.

- +Design and sponsor a job bank to facilitate the placement of trainees and offer services for skilled American Indians who desire employment in some area of communications.

- +Design and conduct workshops for staff of tribal and Indian organizations.

- +Provide technical

assistance to business development of Indian organizations and to consult with agencies and corporations in expanding services and opportunities for American Indians.

"We have ambitious goals and a modest staff," points out founder Thompson "...and that leaves us with three immediate needs. FIRST, we need the participation of professionals, Indian and non-Indian, with communication and marketing skills. SECOND, we need to establish a communications network with all Indian tribes and urban Indian organizations, a task we've already begun. THIRD, we need technical assistance from the communications industries, such as major advertising, marketing and public relations companies, publishers, journalists and companies involved in radio, television and film production to provide professional technical assistance and apprenticeship programs for American Indians. Our staff represents broad-based communication skills and many years of experience, but to achieve our goals will require many hands."

## BIA Continues Reorganization

Interior Secretary Cecil Andrus and Under Secretary James Joseph reported that they have reviewed and approved the general principles of a reorganized plan for the administration of Indian affairs.

Andrus and Joseph said that implementation of most major features of the plan, developed by Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Forrest Gerard, would begin promptly after analysis of the plan's details.

Gerard's recommendations, which he announced at the National Congress of American Indians annual convention in Rapid City, South Dakota, include:

- The appointment of a

Commissioner of Indian Affairs to direct the day-to-day activities of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

- An emphasis on policy, planning and evaluation at the Assistant Secretary level.

- Continuation of the BIA's area offices as intermediate levels of authority, with any future changes to be determined through studies to be made in each of the areas.

Gerard, in submitting his recommendations to the Secretary, said: "Improvements in management systems are of greater importance than shifting boxes on an organization chart...I intend to institute changes which will be fundamental, extensive

and enduring."

Gerard's recommendations embodied the basic concepts of recommendations submitted to him by a reorganization task force appointed last December. The recommendations of this group were published April 17 in the FEDERAL REGISTER for review and comment by the Indian community.

The task force had recommended that the top leadership for Indian affairs consist of the Assistant Secretary and three deputies. Gerard's proposal is that the Assistant Secretary with one deputy function at the



## Native Americans To Hold Energy Conference

The Native American Natural Resources Development Federation (NANRDF) will host a conference on the use of solar and alternate energy on Indian Reservations at the Albuquerque, N.M. Convention Center on Dec. 5, 6, and 7, 1978. The purpose of the conference is to conserve the deposits of oil-gas, coal, uranium, and other natural resources through developing the use of solar energy, wind power, renewable energy sources such as crops, and the utilization of organic wastes to produce methane gas for cooking, and heating.

An unusual feature of the conference is the "hands-on" learning experience that will be acquired by 23 youths from various reservations. They will arrive before the conference begins and will start construction of five solar and alternate energy devices and projects, such as a solar air heater, water heater, food dryer, solar reliant greenhouse. Attendees will be able to watch the construction progress and see the completed units in action. The builders will be able to take blue-prints and know-how back to the reservations and teach others. Interested youths are urged to contact their tribal leaders and ask them to get in touch with NANRDF. It is hoped that C.E.T.A. or tribal funds can be made available for helping each participant in this training.

Motion picture and television star, Eddie

Albert, has been invited to speak. He is Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the International Bio-Mass Institute and was the United States representative to the World Conference on Famine in Rome in 1974, and a driving force behind the ban on DDT when it was learned of that pesticide's impacts on the environment. Other speakers include Mr. Ronald D. Scott, Assistant Director, Heating and Cooling, Department of Energy; Mr. Burt Kline, Director of the Energy Action Staff of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and Mr. Matt Spear, also of the Energy Action Staff.

Mr. Orin L. Murray, Director, Advanced Energy of Technapac, Inc. will discuss the use of solar heated water for pasteurization of Anheuser-Busch beer; Mr. Malcolm Lillywhite, Director of Domestic Technology Institute will tell of experiences in teaching workshops in Africa and the U.S.A. and give information on solar reliant greenhouses, solar heating and cooling, food production and preservation, etc., Mr. William Holmberg, Acting Director of the Public Participation Division, Office of Consumer Affairs will tell how a community can gain self-sufficiency in energy, food and chemicals, and give the latest information on how a farmer can grow his own fuel (alcohol) for his tractors and other



Members of a minority race pause during construction of a solar reliant greenhouse at Cheyenne, Wyo. The project was funded by Dept. of Labor. Training was provided by Domestic Technology Institute of Denver, Colo. They will train 23 Native Americans to

build solar water heaters, water purifiers, air heaters and other solar projects as part of the Solar and Alternate Energy for Indian Reservations Conference sponsored by Native American Natural Resources Development Federation Dec. 5, 6, 7, in Albuquerque, N.M.

engines. Other speakers will tell about heating hospitals and houses on Indian Reservations using the sun to generate electricity, pump and purify water on reservations and will trace the Sun and its use in Indian culture.

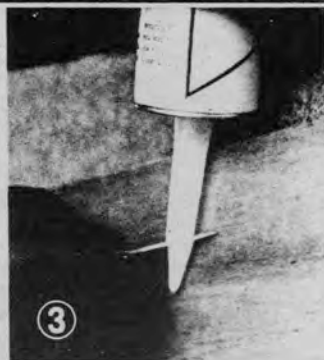
Social and Cultural Impact of Energy Development on Indian Lands and legal implications of energy development and regulations governing it will be discussed by

representatives of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and others.

The registration fee for attendees is \$55.00 which includes attendance at all sessions and reduced prices for a banquet and luncheon banquet. For more details contact: NATIVE AMERICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT FEDERATION, 910 Fifteenth Street, Suite 840, Denver, Colorado 80202. Telephone (303) 534-4484.

NANRDF is a non-profit organization in Washington, DC by 26 Indian Tribes to provide technical help to assist all Indian Tribes in their decisions regarding natural resource development. They are able to provide expertise in water development, geological and other areas of interest. They also assist in the development of human resources through scholarship, employment assistance and other programs.

## weather-ization tip



Loose-fitting door and window frames admit cold air, wasting money and energy used to produce warm air. Caulking reduces heat loss by sealing cracks and is an energy-conserving idea you can do:

1. Clean area to be caulked with a stiff brush and tools.
2. Fill wide cracks with materials such as mineral fiber or fiberglass.
3. Snip nozzle at an angle with cut to match the desired bead size. Insert nail to puncture seal at base.
4. Hold tube at a 45-degree angle; pull down squeezing steadily.
5. Some caulking compounds can be smoothed if necessary.
6. Although caulking comes in several colors, you can paint it to match after it dries.







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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## notice

Creek Nation Headstart staff will be at the Yeager Indian Community Meeting with information about the Creek Nation Headstart Program. Interested Indian parents with children ages 3 to 5 years are urged to attend. The meeting will be Tuesday, November 14, 7:00 p.m., at the Old Yeager School.

Creek Nation Headstart staff will be at the Eufaula Indian Community Meeting with information about the Creek Nation Headstart Program. Interested Indian parents with students ages 3 to 5 years are urged to attend. The meeting will be Tuesday, November 20, 7:30 p.m., at the Eufaula High School Cafeteria.

## Special Thanks

The family of Albert "Poncho" Bruner wishes to extend their thanks to the Dustin Community, Middle Creek Church No. 1 and to everyone else that participated in the fund raising event held here at the Complex on

October 2nd. Mr. Bruner's condition is improving some but is still taking therapy treatments at the VA hospital in Muskogee.

Thank you, Elsie, Timmy, and Missy Bruner.

## Religious Freedom For Indian

Senate Joint Resolution 102, "American Indian Religious Freedom," became Public Law 95-341 on August 11, 1978. This followed the passage of the bill by the House of Representatives on July 18.

The law mandates that:

**The President shall direct the various Federal departments, agencies, and other instrumentalities whose duties impact on Native American religious practices to evaluate their policies and procedures in consultation with Native religious leaders in order to determine and implement changes which may be necessary to protect and preserve Native American religious cultural rights and practices.**

This includes the access to religious sites, use and possession of sacred objects and the freedom of Indians to worship through ceremonial and traditional rites.

The intent of this law, according to Congressman Morris Udall (D-Arizona), along with Congressman Michael Blouin (D-Iowa), who was the House sponsor of the bill -- is to assure that all federal policies and laws which inadvertently, and often unknowingly, infringe upon or impede the practice of traditional Indian religions be reviewed and altered so as to banish these obstacles. Where such action could not be taken without

## Food Stamp Meeting

All Indians who want to find out if they are eligible for food stamps will have an opportunity November 13 and 30 when Margaret Hernasy will be in Okemah to take applications and answer questions.

Ms. Hernasy is Outreach Specialist with the Food Stamp Outreach Program. She will be at the BIA Building, 104 E. State from 9 a.m. till noon on both days.

## Twin Hills

The Church held its annual Halloween Carnival October the 28th. There was a big turnout and everyone had a good time, playing Bingo and eating.

Our congratulations go out to Brenda and Curtis Cochran on their new arrival, Toni Lynn, who was born October 12.

## Panel Blasts Media

Senator James Abourezk, Interior Assistant Secretary Forrest Gerard, Navajo Tribal Chairman Peter MacDonald and LaDonna Harris, President of Americans for Indian Opportunity spoke in a panel session to the Associated Press Managing Editors convention in Portland September 28.

Abourezk teed off on the bureaucracy; Gerard said Congress "sets policy." MacDonald said, "If you mold them both together, they say the Indians are the problem."

MacDonald asked the editors to expose and document violations of trusteeship. He said the media devoted too much attention to such events as the Longest Walk, Alcatraz and Wounded Knee.

Gerard said that press

## Okmulgee

The Okmulgee Community held their first anniversary celebration October 9th with special guest speaker, Phyllis Warnack, curator at the Creek Council House.

A Buffet supper was held followed by cake and punch. The room and tables were decorated in autumn colors. A table was also decorated displaying pictures and trophies of community activities.

The Senior citizens met October 26th with 10 members present and 10 visitors. Zola Sampler

was a special guest and gave an interesting story on the life of Will Rogers.

A covered dish luncheon was served with a yellow and white cake for R. T. and Cora Derrisaw celebrating their 44 wedding anniversary. After lunch games were played. The door prize went to Neigel Pigpond, and Lena Mosquito.

Okmulgee Community Members are selling candy as a fund raising activity.

Some workers have been providing transportation for the elderly.

## Con't From P-1Howe

biggest problem and have since been trying to encourage Creek students to go into health careers and then come back and work for us. Some of them are ready now. Getting his hospital put us on the way," he said, adding that the Creek is the only tribe to own a hospital.

Cox also noted the program provides a unique opportunity for the tribe to join with state nor's Conference on Health Manpower, echoed this thought by saying the Creek-sponsored scholarship was "an exciting and innovative development, not only for the Creek Nation, but for the people of the state as a whole because it is an example of Oklahoma taking its own step to help solve rural and Indian health problems at the community and state level."

Currently, there are 42 Oklahoma communities sponsoring their future physicians under the

program. And, 70 additional medical students and physicians will be practicing in rural communities under a second rural scholarship program developed by the Commission.

Howe said his agreement stipulates he must choose one of five areas of residency training that are most needed in that community: family practice, pediatrics, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, or emergency medicine.

"I'm tending toward family practice now. I think it will be the most rewarding since community medicine is what it's all about for me. Besides getting to know the people in the town, I'll get to work with a tribe that has many agencies (particularly in housing) that relate to health needs. Also, I'll be going to Washington, D.C. to represent the tribe on health matters. I'm really looking forward to all of it," he said.

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## Kelly Enjoys Life More After Help From Friends

Kelly Willie Bear, a small five year old Creek girl recently underwent surgery in which her left foot was amputated. The amputation was a result of a birth defect which caused Kelly's left foot to be approximately 4 inches shorter than her other foot.

After birth Kelly was fitted for a brace to help her walk. Kelly learned to use the brace but was still limited in her activities.

Kay Willie-Bear, Kelly's mother, through a suggestion by a Creek Nation employee, took Kelly to the Shriner's Hospital in St. Louis where the surgery took place. Kelly's foot was amputated so that she could be fitted for a prosthesis, an artificial

limb. With the artificial limb Kelly would be almost limitless in the everyday activities after she learned the full use of it.

Right now Kelly is wearing a prosthesis that bends only at the knee but by the time she is 14 she should have a prosthesis that will bend much the same way her natural foot does and will also look and feel like a natural foot.

Kelly, the daughter of Kay Willie-Bear of Morris and Buster Bear Jr. of Dallas will hopefully be making her last check-up trip, at least for a while to St. Louis in November.

Kay would like to give a very special thanks to Sandy Rana, who suggested that she take

Kelly to the Shriner's Hospital, to Gloria Pocowatchit, Esther Jones, Liz Deere and Dicey Taryole, all who sponsored a fund raising bingo so she and Kelly could make the trip, to St. Louis. Thanks go to all the merchants who donated to the fund raising event, and a very special thanks goes to Mr. Bill Pitman, of Eufaula, who tackled all the necessary paper work for Kelly's acceptance to the hospital. Pitman is a Shriner from McIntosh County.

Thru the joined effort of all these people Kelly will (hopefully) have a more happier life and for those that helped, (hopefully) their lives will be enriched by knowing that they helped.

## Religious Freedom

diminishing the intended effect of the law itself, Udall assured the bill's opponents, no change would be enforced. The major thrust of the bill's support centered around the constitutional right of freedom of religion for all U.S. citizens.

Leading the opposition to passage of the bill was Congressman Jack Cunningham (R-Washington). "One of the things that particularly concerns me," he said, "is frankly, why we need this piece of legislation or this resolution." He continued, saying that every congressman took an oath to uphold the U.S. Constitution, which grants every U.S. citizen complete religious freedom. Regardless of the fact that "these Native Americans" have been U.S. citizens for "at least 54 years," Cunningham concluded that "there are certain members (of Congress) who believe that we have some citizens being denied their rights."

More specific arguments opposing passage of the bill questioned whether Indians would be allowed free access to private as well as public lands, what effect the bill would have on the protection of endangered species and whether it was within congressional powers to legislate in such a manner regarding religious issues.

Responses to the first question were offered by Congressmen Udall and Teno Roncalio (D-Wyoming). They assured the House that the bill addressed only federally-owned property and that no transferral of property rights were being legislated. The following questions were similarly disposed of. It was once again emphasized, by Congressman Ted Risenhoover (D-Oklahoma), that the bill's intent was simply to "assure the Indian people the right to practice their religion on public property, on Federal property."

At the end of the debate, House Join Resolution 738 was tabled and replaced by Senate Join Resolution 102. This version passed on the floor by a two-thirds majority and became law three weeks later.

The Native American Rights Fund (NARF) is expected to initiate a twelve-month study to investigate areas and identify specific cases where public law is in discordance with American Indian religious practices. Funding is presently being sought by NARF from three federal agencies: the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Community Services Administration and the Administration for Native Americans at HE W.



Gary Brashears, Director of Community Services, welcomes Donald Jackson, new administrator for the Creek community hospital.



Etta Conner and Fredo "Chubby" Anderson, both Creek Nation employees, display plaques presented

to them for their volunteer work with the inmate boxing team at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary.





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# CAREER Opportunities

## Construction Trainees

The Associated Builders and Contractors of Oklahoma, Inc., has openings in its apprenticeship program for men and women interested in learning carpentry, cement finishing and bricklaying. An apprenticeship program consists of both on-the-job training and related classroom instruction -- an opportunity to learn a skilled trade while earning a living at the same time.

Requirements for application include:

(1) Doctor's certificate stating you are physically able to do construction work and signed by an attending physician.

(2) Proof of age: birth certificate, Selective Service card or school records.

(3) A copy of your high school diploma, if you graduated.

(4) Transcripts of last grade completed from the guidance department of last school attended.

(5) Proof of work experience: letter from employer listing experience.

(6) If veteran, discharge papers and if claiming credit for training in trade, proof of this training.

(7) Three letters of reference from acquaintances, other than family, verifying character and dependability.

Applicants must be 18 years of age or older.

Applicants are now being accepted at the ABC office, 121 N.E. 52nd, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

If you wish further information, call (405) 525-8611.

### BIA Con't From P-4

departmental levels and the Commissioner and a deputy operate at the bureau level.

Gerard said that this arrangement would permit the Assistant Secretary to give undivided attention to his "responsibilities as principal advisor and policy maker for the Secretary on matters of Indian affairs affecting the whole Department and the Administration," while the Commissioner provides needed leadership and direction for the Bureau.

The new organization structure calls for a strong planning and evaluation function within the Office of the Assistant Secretary. Two staff offices are proposed.

One would be concerned with oversight of administrative functions, reviewing and allocation, use and control of resources. Functions would include fiscal audits, personnel and procurement reviews and ADP policy planning.

The other staff office reporting to the Assistant Secretary would be responsible for policy, planning and evaluation. Functions would include policy formulation and

analysis, management and program audits and systems and action plan development.

The reorganization plan calls for a review of each office to determine the future role each should have. Gerard said he did not think the offices need to be mirror images of the central office nor identical to each other. He said these offices might reflect the diversity among tribes with structures designed to meet tribal problems.

Eliminating the area offices, a recommendation of the American Indian Policy Review Commission, would have resulted in a minimum of 82 agency superintendents reporting directly to Washington. Gerard described this as an "unworkable" span of control for the Commissioner.

Gerard stressed that "a fundamental prerequisite to implementing the reorganization of the Bureau of Indian Affairs is the involvement of Indian tribes and Alaska Native groups. These will be consulted on actions that affect service delivery to their people throughout this effort."

## Indian Services Director

The Office for Minority and Special Student Affairs, University of Minnesota, invites applications for the position of Director of the primary supportive services center for American Indian students on the main (Twin Cities) campus. With an approximate population of 47,000 students, the University of Minnesota is among the largest institutions of higher education in the nation. The American Indian Learning and Resources Center is a newly created arm of the Office for Minority and Special Student Affairs, charged with providing academic, financial and socio-cultural assistance and counseling for American Indian students.

The Director of the Center will be responsible for implementing policy of the American Indian Learning and Resources Center Advisory Committee and the Office for Minority and Special Student Affairs. In developing and maintaining supportive services programs to recruit and retain American Indian students, the Director will assume responsibility for the operation of the Center and for the supervision of the Center's staff.

### PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Educational background in a behavioral or social science.

2. Master's Degree or equivalent experience.

3. Administrative and programmatic experience in the recruitment and retention of American Indian students in higher education.

4. Training or experience in counseling, financial aid advisement, and other student personnel support services.

5. Demonstrated leadership ability and communication skills.

6. A commitment to the educational advancement of American Indian students.

Starting date: As soon as possible -- probably December 1, 1978.

Salary range: Negotiable.

Application deadline: November 30, 1978.

Send letter of application, resume, letters of recommendation, transcripts to: Sue Rasmussen, Employment Representative; Per-

sonnel Department, University of Minnesota; 2651 University Avenue; St. Paul, MN 55114.

The University of Minnesota is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, creed, color, sex, national origin, or handicap. In adhering to this

policy, the University abides by the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and by other applicable statutes and regulations relating to equality of opportunity.

Call 612-376-2982 for more information.

## Five Civilized Tribes

### DIRECTOR, ADMINISTRATION OF NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS

The A.N.A. Director will be responsible to Board of Directors of the Five Civilized Tribes Foundation, Inc. located in Muskogee, Oklahoma. Applicant must have the ability to relate to different Tribal Governments. Knowledge of program and budget management of Government Grants is a necessity. Knowledge and experience in research and proposal writing extremely valuable. B.A. degree in Business Administration or Business Management desirable, but primary consideration will be given to applicants with

management experience with programs directed toward Indian services. All qualified applicants will be considered, but preference will be given to American Indian applicants. Salary: 12-16K depending upon experience. Closing date is 13 October 1978. Send resumes and references to: Five Civilized Tribes Foundation, Inc. P.O. Box A-F, Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401, Attention: A.N.A. Directorship.

(AMERICAN INDIAN APPLICANT PREFERENCE COVERED UNDER EXCEPTION PROVIDED BY SECTION 703(i) OF TITLE VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964)

## Health Scholarships

Two health professionals scholarship programs operated by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare's Indian Health Service under authority of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (P.L. 94-437) and the Public Health Service Act are now available in the FIRST '79 CYCLE to applicants. The 'Health Professions Preparatory Scholarship Program for Indians' (Section 103) provides scholarship support to Indian people for up to two academic years of compensatory preprofessional education to enable a student to be eligible to enroll or reenroll in a school of health professions.

The 'Indian Health Scholarship Program' (Section 104-757) provides scholarship support for students enrolled, or accepted for enrollment, in health professions school.

Section 103 scholarship applications are being

considered on an "open continuous announcement" basis. Thus, there are 'no deadlines' and applications for Section 103 scholarships will be considered at anytime, pending the availability of funds.

Section 104-757 scholarship applications in this FIRST '79 CYCLE are for those students enrolled, or accepted for enrollment, in health professions school for the Winter-Spring 1979 Term - the term beginning in January 1979.

### MEDIA

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coverage of Indian matters is inadequate because editors either refuse to become interested in Indians or send junior reporters with little or no background to cover complex Indian issues.

He said, "Indian issues are covered but seldom explored."



# sports

## Skins Extend Winning Streak

BY RICK WOLFE

The IAP Skins have successfully extended their record of 10 wins and 0 losses in a 16 game schedule and are currently in first place in the Okmulgee Volleyball League.

The members of the Skins are: Rocky Lee, Bob Long, Hillis Manley, Famous Marshall, Dean Thompson, A. J. Tiger, and Rick Wolfe.

The Skins have scored a

total of 242 points to their opponents total of 148 points.

The members of the team have backgrounds in basketball which gives an advantage in the game of volleyball like jumping and ball handling.

The Skins, along with 21 other teams, men and women, compete in a league organized by the Okmulgee Volleyball Association which is self-supporting.

### Dedication From P-1

Claude Cox, Checotah Mayor Floyd Beard, members of the Housing Commission, and some of the housing residents were present at the brief ceremony.

Mayor Beard said during the ceremony that he was glad to have the Creek houses in Checotah and would like to see more houses built by the Creek authority in the town of Checotah.



## National Indian Rodeo And Pow Wow - Nov. 23-25

INDIAN NATIONAL FINALS RODEO & POW WOW -- Salt Lake City, Utah. The numerous details to stage a championship rodeo are being finalized as the scene is being set for the 3rd annual Indian National Finals Rodeo scheduled for Salt Lake City, Utah, on November 23, 24 and 25. Few rodeos in the country can compare!

Not only will it include the best Indian contestants in North America matching their skills on broncs, bulls, riding and roping, but an integral part of the entire production will also include a pow wow, colorful and traditional Indian dancing, an arts and crafts display, a trade show, and an exposition displaying highlights of Indian reservations such as tribal life, progress and industry. All is necessary to make the entire affair a show place for Indian people. One of the finest facilities in the American west, the beautiful Salt Palace Coliseum with seating capacity to accommodate 10,000 spectators each performance, will host the entire event.

Results of the past two years have been highly encouraging. Fans from as far away as northern Alberta to Florida have been in attendance. Contestants will compete from eight major Indian

rodeo associations. They include the Indian Rodeo Cowboys Association representing Canada; the United Indian Rodeo Association representing Canada; the United Indian Rodeo Association representing the Montana tribes; the Navajo Nation Rodeo Cowboys Association representing New Mexico and Colorado; the Western States Indian Rodeo Association representing Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada and northern Idaho; the Great Plains Indian Rodeo Association representing the Dakotas; the All Indian Rodeo Association of Oklahoma representing Oklahoma, Texas, and Kansas; the Rocky Mountain Indian Rodeo Association representing Utah, Wyoming and southern Idaho; and the All Indian Rodeo Cowboys Association representing Arizona and parts of New Mexico.

In all, 128 contestants that qualify in their own regions in the top two positions in each major rodeo event will participate.

"We expect to use bucking stock from about 10 Indian and PRCA stock contractors and we'll have the best" according to INFR officials. Timed event livestock will be provided by well-known PRCA stock contractor, D.A. "Swanny" Kerby of Salt Lake City.

An added benefit to the INFR will be the support and assistance provided by the Days of '47 Rodeo Committee in Salt Lake City, and the involvement in the pow-wow and trade show activity of the Utah Native American Consortium, the Brigham Young University Indian Studies program, and the local business community and organizations. Top mated \$50,000 in prize money and special awards. Mr. Lacey Harris of the Utah Native American Consortium will be the general coordinator for the Pow-wow, arts and crafts trade show, tribal expo and Indian village. Jay Harwood, President of the Indian National Finals Rodeo Commission, commented that "the rodeo is the Indian rodeo cowboys' finest hour. The skills and talents they possess will prove to the spectator that Indian rodeo is truly among the most colorful in the world and the competition will be tough."

For further information contact Utah Native American Consortium office in Salt Lake City (801-581-8151). Rodeo tickets are on sale at the Salt Palace Coliseum and may be obtained by contacting The Salt Palace, 100 So. West Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101, telephone (801) 521-6060.

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## HEALTH TIP

To prevent colds:

1. Dress properly, eat a balanced diet, drink plenty of fluids.
2. Avoid personal contact with people who have colds if possible.
3. Get plenty of rest.

Remember an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.



Creek Rodeo Queen, Tammy Harjo will represent The Creek Rodeo Asso. at the finals.



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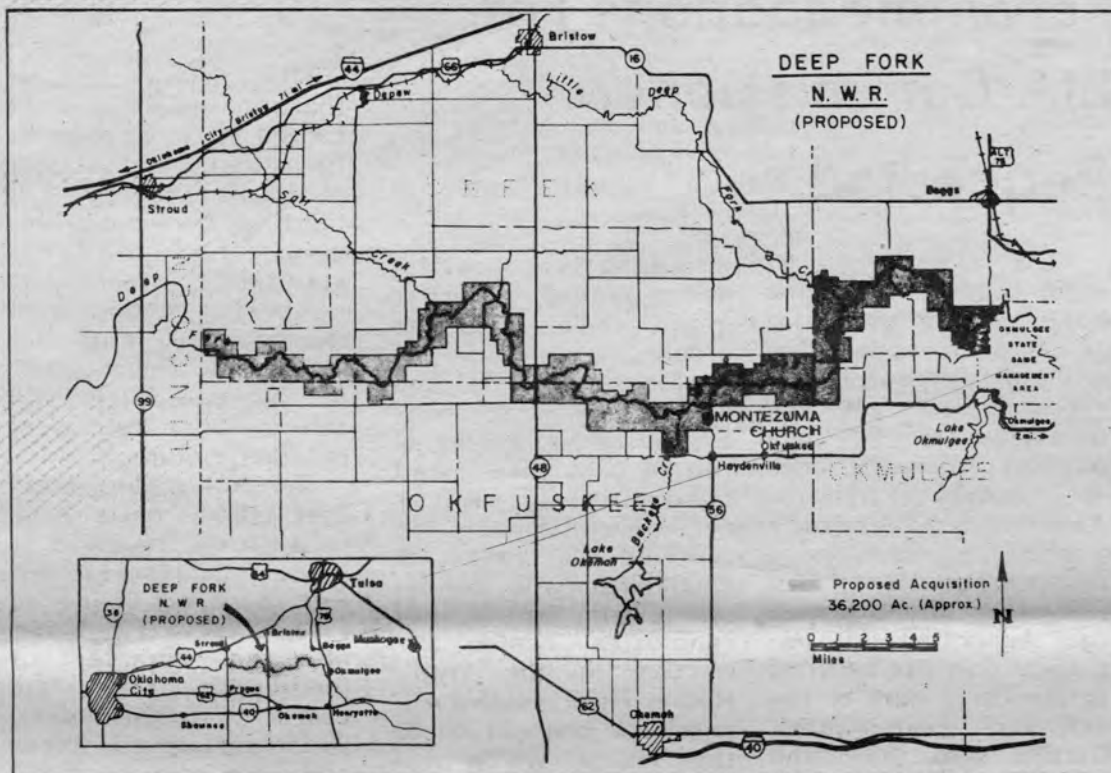
## Proposed Wildlife Refuge To Use Restricted Indian Land

A National Wildlife Refuge is being proposed on lands along the Deep Fork River in Oklahoma. The refuge proposes to utilize all lands within approximately one mile on either side of the river, from East of Stroud to South of Beggs.

Many of the landowners are very upset at this proposal and are at present circulating petitions.

The tribal staff of the Creek Nation have estimated that around 1,800 acres of the 36,200 acre project is restricted Indian land. Along with the restricted Indian Land an Indian Church, which was located at its present location prior to 1884, will be affected if the proposed project is approved.

The Department of Interior has been slow to release details about the nature of the refuge and has not made any formal



This map shows which lands will be used for the proposed wildlife refuge.

contact with the Creek Nation regarding the impact it will have on the restricted lands and the

Church.

The Church, Montezuma Indian Baptist, is located approximately 2

miles south of Haydonville. The site for the Church was traditionally found thru much

meditation and prayer.

Many of Indian landowners feel they are being pushed off their land much the same way their ancestors were removed from their land during the "Trail of Tears" which gives them even more of an incentive to want to keep their lands.

Principal Chief Claude Cox has announced that Creek landowners in the area should contact the tribal offices by phone or by mail so a meeting can be arranged. At this meeting, tribal staff will explain the situation and the options available. Interested tribal members will be involved in any decisions made regarding action by the tribe.

Address and phone number for the tribe are, Creek Nation Complex P.O. Box 1114, Okmulgee, OK. 74447. Ph. 918-756-8500.

## Creek Commission Selects Coordinator

The Creek Constitution Commission has selected Spencer Wilkinson as Commission Coordinator for the duration of the commission.

Wilkinson, a member of the Arickara Tribe is originally from New Town, North Dakota. Married to a Creek, he has four children and lives in Muskogee. Wilkinson was previously employed as superintendent at a school in Whiteshield, North Dakota.

As coordinator some of the activities will include; setting up places and times for hearings, organizing all mailouts, submitting reports on the

progress of the commission, and training registrars for final referendum.

At present the Constitution Commission is hold regular meetings at 7:30 every Tuesday evening at the Creek Complex in Okmulgee. These meetings are open to the public.

Issues in which the commission are basically involved in are: (1) whether a second chief should succeed the Principal Chief in the event of a vacancy, or whether the chairman of the Tribal Council should succeed the Principal

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Spencer Wilkinson was selected as coordinator for Creek Constitution Commission.



## Indian View Of Congress

Journal Review 95th Congress From Indian View: The November issue of the American Indian Journal published by the Institute for the Development of Indian Law in Washington D.C. has a 12 page report on the past year's Congressional activities. The article is informative. It discusses the Federal-Indian relationship, describes some of the legislative processes, reviews the legislation proposed and passed and provides a brief peek at work left for the upcoming 96th Congress. In summary the article describes the 95th as a "Housekeeping session where many bills pertaining to specific tribes which had been pending for several years finally passed," with no major legislation of the Caliber of the Self-Determination Act or the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. The otherwise well-prepared article totally overlooked the passage of P.L. 95-561 which will have major impact on Indian education programs. The article predicts continuation of back-lash legislation: "The inflammatory and loosely-written 'back-lash' bills of the 95th will be replaced by sophisticated bills in areas of statute of limitations for Indian claims, Indian jurisdiction, and fishing and hunting and water rights; and re-evaluation of Indian rights generally."

## Art Needed

If you have a design or picture that you would like to have published send it to the Communications Department at the Creek Complex, P.O. 1114, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

The design should be in black ink on white paper. The size of the design should be approximately 8 1/2 X 11".

The communications staff will decide which design will be published. Deadline is Jan. 25. All art will be returned on request.

For more information call 756-8500 communications department.

# CREEK NATION FORUM

## Recommendations For BIA Commissioner Requested

A November 27 memorandum from the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs to tribal and Indian organizational representatives asks for nominees to fill the position of Commissioner of Indian Affairs. Assistant Secretary Forrest Gerard requested recommendations by December 20, 1978 with the "hope that this important post can be filled in the early part of the calendar year 1979." Gerard said that "the persons who will receive the highest degree of consideration are those persons with proven managerial and ad-

ministrative skills, demonstrated expertise in the Indian field and broad experience in the workings of Federal and Tribal systems, as well as a good understanding of Indian culture and traditions." After recommendations are received "a range of candidates will be interviewed and final candidates' names forwarded to the White House. The President will nominate one person to the Senate, which will consider the nomination, hold hearings and act on the nominee's confirmation."

## Commission

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Chief in the event of a vacancy; (2) whether the Tribal Council should be made up of one house or two houses (Unicameral or Bicameral); (3) whether the representatives should be elected by Tribal Towns or by geographical districts.

Commission members are Bryant Jesse, Chairman (Wewoka), Allen Harjo (Tulsa), Louis Fish (Sapulpa), Robert Trepp (Tulsa), and Virginia Thomas (Henryetta).

If there are any questions or information needed in regards to the activities of the Creek Constitution Commission, please contact Spencer Wilkinson, P.O. Box 1340, Okmulgee, phone 918-456-7408. The commission is located at the Creek Complex.

## Child Welfare Act Of Deep Concern To Indians

Interior Assistant Secretary Forrest J. Gerard today said that the recently enacted Indian Child Welfare Act "is responsive to one of the most deeply felt concerns of the Indian community -- the proper care of Indian children needing adoptive or foster home care."

The main objective of the act, signed into law on November 8, is to restrict the placement of Indian children by non-Indian social agencies in non-Indian homes and environments.

The legislation declares that it is the policy of the United States to promote the stability and security of Indian tribes and families by establishing minimum Federal standards for any removal of children from the family and for placement, when needed, in homes which will reflect the unique values of Indian culture.

The Act makes clear that tribal courts have jurisdiction for children living on reservations. For those not living on reservations, it provides for the transfer of jurisdiction from state courts to tribal courts, under certain conditions and upon request of the child's parent, custodian or tribe.

When a parent or Indian custodian voluntarily consents to a foster care placement or to termination of parental rights, the Act requires that consent be written and recorded before a judge of a court of competent jurisdiction, who must certify that the terms and consequences of the consent were fully explained and understood by the parent and custodian.

Any state court entering a final decree of adoption of an Indian child, after the date of this Act, must provide the Secretary of the Interior with a copy of the decree or order together with information which may be useful in establishing the eligibility of the child for tribal enrolment. This information would not be subject to Freedom of Information Act requests.

Because the Act allows only a short time for the development of implementing regulations, the public is invited to submit comments on the legislation prior to the issuance of proposed regulations. They should be sent to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Director of Social Services, 1951 Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20245. Copies of the Act are available upon request.

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Montezuma Indian Church, which has may have to move if the proposed been located near Deepfork prior to 1884, wildlife refuge is approved.



# Haynes Defense Fund Started

BY VINCENT RILEY

Homicide is the killing of one human being by another. Unfortunately a member of the Creek Nation is currently charged with this offense by the State of Oklahoma for the county of Okfuskee, city of Okemah. John Haynes is at present time confined within the county jail in Okemah, facing a first degree murder charge. Under the laws of the State of Oklahoma he is entitled to a fair trial. The burden of proof lies upon the state; being charged with murder is not evidence of guilt. This is the concept of being innocent until proven guilty.

As we all know, in order to benefit from the fruits of justice, we generally must receive represen-

tation from one who has labored and toiled to attain the position and title of Attorney at Law. Such is the representation John Haynes requires to defend himself. At present time Gary Snow of Holdenville is defense attorney for John Haynes. John Haynes has been to preliminary hearing and has been indicted on a murder in the first degree charge. He is scheduled for trial in either late January or early February. He proclaims he is innocent, therefore he and his attorney must prove this in court before a judge and jury. Attorney Snow has stated that evidence in favor of conviction is weak.

An adequate legal defense is very financially inclined. Money is not very much of what John Haynes and his

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# Indian Med School Viewed Not Feasible

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The end of a long wait for HEW Secretary Califano's reported to Congress on the feasibility of establishing an Indian school of medicine has proved disheartening.

In a letter to Congress dated October 23, Secretary Califano wrote, "While I am deeply committed to increasing the number of Indian health professionals and improving Indian health services, I do not support the establishment of an American Indian School of Medicine."

Califano's letter accompanied a report mandated under Title VI of P.L. 94-437. The Feasibility Study to Determine the Need for an American Indian School of Medicine was originally the result of an amendment substituted for original legislation calling for the establishment of an Indian medical school. A feasibility Study Group composed of representatives from several Indian organizations, a representative of traditional Indian medicine, an Indian medical student and four medical educators monitored the study throughout its course. The study was con-

ducted for the Secretary by DHEW's Bureau of Health Manpower. It found an Indian school of medicine to be both necessary and feasible.

Nonetheless, the Secretary believes that "the nation already has more than sufficient capacity to train doctors" and that increased Indian representation in the medical profession should come from "bringing Indians and other minority students into the mainstream of medical education and practice" rather than through the construction of another medical school.

And while the feasibility study found numerous barriers which in large measure deter Indians from existing medical schools, the Secretary contends that Section 102 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act ought to overcome such barriers. (That section, "The Health Professions Recruitment Program for Indians," authorizes grants to organizations seeking to identify and recruit Indian students into medical professions.)

One of HEW's top priorities is to increase the number of Indian and other minority health professionals and improve health care in



Jimmy Jones displays plaque he received as employee of the month at the Creek Nation Hospital. Also pictured is

Francis Miller, first employee of the month.



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1943. Jack Jacobs is taking good care of that punting toe of his, although he's booting them for the army these days. Here he punts for Maj. Gen. William E. Lynd, Fourth Air Force commander. The Jacobs face that University of Oklahoma fans remember well is in the inset.

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medically-underserved areas, according to Califano. He stated that HEW is currently considering several proposals directed toward these concerns as part of its 1980 Health Manpower Legislative Initiative.

Dealing more specifically with Indian needs, Secretary Califano announced in his letter that he has directed Dr. Julius Richmond, the Assistant Secretary for Health, to identify ways in which existing programs can increase the numbers of Indians and other minorities in

the health professions. Dr. Richmond was also asked to develop a proposal for increasing the number of health personnel who serve reservations.

According to IHS Director Dr. Emery Johnson, Dr. Richmond has since designated Dr. George Lythcott, Director of the Health Resources Administration as his lead person for the research. A task force composed of representatives from IHS, HEW's Bureau of Health Manpower and Intra-Departmental Council on

Indian Affairs and the Administration for Native Americans has been formed and is to present its findings to Dr. Lythcott by the end of December.

It is expected that among other recommendations which might come out of the group, strong possibilities are that full funding for Title I of P.L. 94-437, Indian Health Manpower, and an IHS exemption to the current federal hiring freeze will be asked.

In light of the Secretary's rejection of the Indian medical school

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# National Indian News

## TU Receives Indian Material

The University of Tulsa has received 180 boxes of materials from the recently terminated Indian Claims Commission in Washington, D.C.

The University, renowned for its special collections in Indian law and history, obtained all commission records that were not transferred to the U.S. Court of Claims and the United States Archives.

The records include legal exhibits, correspondence, maps and other documents.

Dr. Rennard Strickland, a TU research professor of law and history, said the collection, in terms of research potential, was "priceless."

The Commission materials were to be destroyed, until the university requested them. Strickland said the Commission "prepared very elaborated studies for people bringing cases before the commission.

They got information such as where the tribes were originally located, how the treaty agreements were reached and general histories of the tribes."

## Museum To Hold Exhibition In March

The Five Civilized Tribes Museum will hold its second annual judged exhibition and sale of silverwork, beadwork, pottery and basketry March 18 to March 30, 1979 announced Mrs. Spencer Denton, director of the Museum, today. She stated that as a result of the widespread interest among both craftsmen and the public, a new category has been added -- cabin crafts. This class will include any article made for use in a traditional Five Civilized Tribes lifestyle, such as utensils, musical instruments, toys, etc. No clothing will be accepted.

Mrs. Art Johnson is again serving as chairman of the show with the committee also unchanged, consisting of Mrs. Denton, Ms. Suzanne Heard, Mrs. John Griffin, Mrs. Ed Thornley, Mrs. Maxeene Bridwell, Mrs. Floyd Foster of Okmulgee, Mr. Vernon MacNeil and Mr. David Pettit.

The success of the first show held in March 1978 has led the committee to maintain the original format with the addition of the cabin crafts category. Only items that are for sale will be judged and exhibited. The competition is open to all individuals 16 years of age and older with Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek and Seminole blood lines. Invitations are being mailed to all known eligible artists in these fields, but the Museum is soliciting participation by others who are unknown to it. The cooperation of all interested persons in supplying names of possible artists to compete will be appreciated. The Museum is a non-profit institution dedicated to the preservation of the native cultures of the Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Creek and Seminole Tribes and to the betterment of financial conditions of their tribal members.

Anyone wishing an application is requested to write or call The Five Civilized Tribes Museum, Agency Hill, Honor Heights Drive, Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401; phone: 918-683-1701.

## Indian Communities To Control Indian Education

Interior Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Forrest Gerard said that his office has initiated plans to implement changes in Indian education programs mandated by Title XI of the Education Amendments Act of 1978, (P.L. 95-561), signed by President Carter November 1.

Title XI of the Act stresses self-determination and control of Indian education programs by the Indian community. Its three parts deal with federally assisted programs in public schools, Bureau of Indian Affairs education programs, and programs administered by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Gerard said that the "Act will assist us in making major improvements in managing the Bureau's educational program. Because of its importance, we will implement this legislation as expeditiously as possible."

He has directed Deputy Assistant Secretary Rick C. Lavis to manage the policy and planning actions necessary for implementation of the Act.

On October 23, Lavis wrote Indian tribal leaders, in anticipation of the President's signing of the legislation, to inform them of the contents of the law and to request nominations of persons to serve on implementing task forces.

In this letter to the Indian leaders Lavis said: "I will need your assistance in many ways. First of all, I ask that you distribute copies of the enclosed H.R. 15 Conference Report to your Council and Tribal members for review, and any other individuals you deem appropriate... The more informed we all are, the better prepared we will be for implementation. Secondly, I will be needing your recommendations of people to serve on the many Task Forces that will be required to address certain portions of the legislation. A wide representation of Bureau and Tribal people to serve on these Task Forces is essential to our success."

Lavis said there would be 12 subject matter Task Forces established to deal with such things as school boards, education personnel, student rights, funding formulas,

education policies, education-living standards and management information systems.

He asked that nominees include education administrators and staff, students, tribal education committee members and school board members.

The Bureau is also asking for representatives from major national Indian organizations to serve on the task forces and to advise the Bureau on implementation.

Lavis said the Act requires a number of management studies and other actions with specific time-frames for completion. He said the Bureau of Indian Affairs "will need to establish a carefully designed operational plan to meet those deadlines, keeping in mind that the ultimate objective is to design a quality education system to meet the legislative mandates."

Lavis said that "Title XI, with its many requirements for improvement in the organization and management of the Bureau's educational program, will be most helpful in our current efforts to strengthen our educational endeavors. We consider Title XI to be a positive step forward, and we will enthusiastically carry out its requirements."

Lavis added that he is also forming a task force to work on the recently enacted Indian Community College Act (P.L. 95-471) which will be simultaneously implemented together with Title XI of P.L. 95-561.

## Indian Education Director Appointed

Interior Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Forrest Gerard announced today that Earl J. Barlow, a Blackfeet Indian, has been appointed Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Indian Education.

Barlow has been Superintendent of Schools in Browning, Montana since 1973. He has also served as the Montana State Supervisor of Indian Education and has

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## Coweta

The Coweta Indian Community meeting will be the second Monday of each month. The meetings are held in room 24 in the Coweta High School with Ken Childers presiding over the meeting.

The Wednesday afternoon sewing class has 3 more lessons to full fill before completing the course. A new course is being scheduled starting in January.

The classes will be held in the community building located at the end of West Pecan.

Anyone interested in taking G.E.D. classes please contact Pat Withers between the hours of 8:30 and 4:30 Mon-Fri.

## Community Activities

Now that the weather has started getting bad, many of our community workers will be out cutting wood, providing transportation, and other kinds of assistance, for their community members who need help.

If anyone needs help of some kind they should contact their community Coordinator. Here is a list of Coordinators, and their communities: Okmulgee - Rebecca Autaubo -- 756-2597; Twin Hills -- Dianna Billie -- 366-4095; Dewar -- Wyvona Evans -- 652-3371; Kellyville -- Beatrice Buckley -- 247-6388; Depew -- Betsy Bucktrot -- 324-5391; Dustin -- Charles Fish -- 656-3385; Eufaula -- Joe Floyd -- 689-5591; Okfuskee -- Ina Hicks; Hanna -- Georgia Pactor -- 657-2224; GlenPool -- JoAnne Bible -- 299-4929; Morris -- Doris Roanhorse -- 733-4703; Bristow -- Elwood Bigpond -- 367-2987; Okemah -- Alice Watson -- 623-2981; Yardeka -- Dave Lewis -- 652-4747; Sapulpa -- Jerry Kinsey -- 227-0581; Weleetka -- Myrtle Fraser -- 405-786-2380; Nuyaka -- Stella Roberts -- 623-0860; Willa -- Sue Berryhill -- 652-3812; Castle -- Jonah Sands; Wetumka -- Minnie Poole -- 405-452-5895; Duck Creek -- Grace Slinker -- 366-4178; Gypsy -- Tema Tiger; Broken Arrow -- Lauretia McIntosh -- 251-7322; Checotah -- Ira Kauley; Coweta -- Pat Withers -- 486-5790; Yeager -- Houston Yahola -- 405-379-2559; Bighams -- Elouise Scott -- 623-0972.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Yeager

Yeager Community members and workers have been busy this past month with getting the center ready for the Head Start Program. We have been painting, and fixing up, the center, also enrolling children. We have held food sales and other fund raising activities.

Each community worker has decided to donate \$5.00 out of his paycheck to the community.

We have Slimnastic classes on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Other Adult Ed. classes will be starting soon; anyone who wishes to enroll can either contact Evelyn McGirt or Houston Yahola.

Our Coordinator Houston Yahola is attending a seminar in Okla. City on Head Start.

Our monthly meetings are the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month. We would like for all members to attend. We are planning on having a Christmas Tree and dinner.

## Twin Hills

Twin Hills held their Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 17th at Concharty Church. Our next meeting will be Dec. 1, at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Everyone is urged to attend. If any member cannot attend our meeting and would like to know what is going on in our community, call Dianna Billie, community coordinator 366-4095, or Andy Tecumseh, community chairman at 366-3021.

A surprise birthday and anniversary dinner was held for Mr. and Mrs. Andy Tecumseh at their home Nov. 30; the dinner was given by their family and the Concharty Methodist Women's Society. GED classes are held at Concharty Church on Thursday from 1-4 in the afternoon.

Our congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hudgens on the arrival of their new baby girl, Brandy Regina, born Dec. 16, weighing 6 lbs. 12 oz.



Yeager Indian Center will be site for Headstart program.

## Coordinators Back

During the first meeting between Steve and his Coordinators since they have been called back, several important topics were discussed.

Rita Stroble, Consumer-Education Program Manager for B.I.A. Ed. and Training, has set up a seminar on Consumer Education Jan. 19, 1979.

Geri Berryhill, Headstart Program Director gave an overview about the services that headstart would be offering at the Yeager and Eufaula centers.

G.E.D. classes at Oak-

dale were mentioned by Susie Stewart. She said that transportation is provided to the classes. Oakdale G.E.D. classes are B.I.A. funded therefore a CDIB is required. G.E.D. classes that are funded by HEW are opened to non-Indians also.

John Charloe explained about legal service that will be offered to the elderly Indian people.

The Creek Nation Community Organization will receive \$10,000.00 for use on equipment and community improvement.

## Okmulgee

The Okmulgee Indian Community opened their last meeting with 34 members present. At our meeting we elected Oweida Brown as our new treasurer. We also had a guest speaker, Becky Thompson, from Tulsa who spoke on problems relating to women.

The Senior Citizens raffled off a turkey which Florence Woods from Creek Forest won. The Senior Citizens held their monthly meeting Nov. 28. Margret Freeman and Martha Chalakee represented Okmulgee community, at a Seminar held at Northeastern at Tahlequah this past month.

Five homes in our community have been chosen for weatherization, they are Connor Dick, Agnes Walls, Polly Homa, Charley Taylor and Elizabeth Harjo.

Four of our community workers have been called back to work they are Maxine Adams, Eliza Berryhill, Sharon Chalakee, and Kenneth Tiger, also one youth worker which is Wallace Yeager.

We held a bake sale at the Complex Nov. 20th. It was a big success.

We are asking for donations for the community building such things as curtains, plywood and roofing materials are needed.

We also have a rummage sale daily at the community building which is located at the New Town Methodist Church. We have lots of winter clothing, and nothing costs over 25 cents.

The community will have a bingo at our next meeting Dec. 11, everyone is urged to attend.

Our Congratulations go out to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kahbeah, who were married at New Town Methodist Church Dec. 1, and also to Kimberly Kahbeah and Joe Siedlik, who were married Dec. 9, at New Town.

## Wilson Community

Our new community officers are as follows: Chairman -- Charles Elk, Vice-Chairman -- Tom Berryhill, Secretary -- Dicey Taryole, Treasurer -- Stella Harjo, Finance Committee -- Hepsey Gilroy, and Lucille Bear, Recreation Director -- Almer Berryhill, Reporter -- Hepsey Gilroy.

The community workers are Sue Berryhill, Coordinator, Lucille Bear and Tom Berryhill community

aides.

During the last community meeting, November 4, we had two guest speakers who came and gave us information and literature. We appreciate Betty Woodfield, Adult Education Department and Rita Stroble Consumer Education for coming to us with information that is helpful to our Indian Community. Our meetings are held the first Saturday of every month.









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## Legal Services Offered

Beginning on Monday, January 8, 1979, the Creek Nation, in conjunction with the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission, will offer legal services to Creek Indians over the age of 55.

This special project will be known as "Creek Nation Legal Clinic for Elderly Indians" and will provide legal services only in the areas of Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Welfare, Food Stamps and other social services areas in which the elderly may encounter legal problems.

This new clinic will be open on Monday of each week from 9:00 a.m., until 12:00 a.m., and from 1:00 p.m., until 4:00 p.m., at the Creek Nation Capitol Complex, Okmulgee, Oklahoma. These services will be offered by appointment only, and you may call Pat Wilson at 756-8500, Ext. 57, to make an appointment.

While the clinic is aimed primarily for elderly Creek Indians, the clinic services will be provided for the elderly of all tribes if they reside within the Creek Nation.

## Arts & Crafts Language

During the first quarter of FY 79, only the Arts & Crafts section offered courses to the Indian communities of the Creek Nation. The Language Development Center did not offer courses since the entire staff was laid off temporarily, thus making it impossible to provide an adequate instruction in such a short time.

Language Development Center has recalled its staff and they have resumed their duties in developing a Creek dictionary. Creek Language courses will be offered during the second quarter.

In the Arts & Crafts section, there are seven communities participating at the following sites:

Wetumka -- Creative Arts  
Okemah -- Creative Arts  
Morris -- Leathercraft  
Coweta -- Creative Arts  
Chetotah -- Leathercraft  
Bristow -- Beadwork

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## Creek Hospital Seeking Qualifies Professionals

The Creek Nation is seeking qualified professionals for medical positions at the Creek Nation Community Hospital located in Okemah, Oklahoma. This 39 bed medical facility is the only hospital in the United States operated by an American Indian Tribe -- the Creek Nation.

Openings are now available for Oklahoma licensed and/or Oklahoma "eligible for license" Inhalation Therapists, Registered Nurses, Supervisor of Floor Nurses, and Licensed Practical Nurses.

The Creek Nation Community Hospital offers excellent salaries and the following Fringe Benefits (upon the completion of a 90 day probationary period): Shift Differential, Uniform Allowance, 12 (twelve) paid Holidays; 100 percent reimbursement for courses, pertaining to position, successfully completed; Annual and Sick Leave accrued at .05 per hour worked; In Serve Training Programs; Free Employee Medical Insurance; Free Sickness-Disability Insurance; Free Self-Insured Maternity Benefits; Free Life Insurance; Retirement Plan after 2 years; Savings Plan; Legal Plan based on earnings; Workmen's Compensation; Free Parking.

If you are interested in joining a new and expanding medical team, contact: Sandra Rana, Chief Personnel Officer, Creek Nation, Box 1114, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, 74447 or call (918) 756-8500.

## Adult Education

Schedule of GED classes:

Inst. Susie Stewart: Oakdale, afternoon 1:00-5:00 p.m., nights 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Inst. Kenneth Bunner: Muskogee, Wed. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Inst. Mae Wilson: Glenpool, Thurs. 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Inst. Kenneth Bunner: Twin Hills, Thurs. 1:30-4:00 p.m.

Slimnastics:

Inst. Susie Stewart: Yeager Community, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The Film "Bitter Winds" will be shown at the next Sapulpa Community meeting.

We now have available upon request from communities, 17 films ranging in length from 12 to 30 minutes, for a variety of age groups.

Income tax assistance will be available to the communities upon request in January.

## Head Start

The Congress appropriated an increase of \$150 million for Head Start programs during fiscal year 1978, bringing the total budget to \$625 million. This increase represented the first expansion of Head Start in its thirteen-year history. The additional funds have provided for a cost of living increase for local Head Start grantees and the enrollment of

67,000 additional children in existing and new Head Start programs.

According to an allocation formula developed by the Congress, which was based on the number of low-income children and public assistance recipients in each state, the new money was distributed within 22 states, Puerto Rico,

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## Higher Education Program

Dan Burgess, Registrar, of the Higher Education Program is currently setting up the procedures to be used during the administration of the Higher Education Grant Program to be contracted FY 1980. An Advisory Committee will be appointed soon to work with the Scholarship officer of the program.

Mr. Burgess is also working with Dr. Fount Holland, Dr. Ruth Arrington and professor Charles King of the NEOSU faculty on a planning grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. "This project has been made possible by a planning award from the NEH Youth Projects Program of the National Endowment for the Humanities, a Federal Agency established by Congress to promote research, education and public activity in the humanities."

## Consumer Seminar Planned

The Department of Education and Training has been funded through the BIA, for Direct Program costs of \$40,000. This funding will provide for a consumer Education Program to include a one day Consumer Seminar and subsequent Consumer Education classes within the communities. The Consumer Seminar will be held on January 5, 1979 in the Conference Room of the Creek Nation Tribal Complex from 10:00 to 3:00. The purpose of this Seminar will be to introduce the idea of consumerism to individuals and its importance. Plans include speakers on relevant topics and helpful ideas for Consumers.

For further information about the Seminar or Program, please contact Rita Stroble at 756-8800.

## Indian Action Program

The Creek Nation, Indian Action Program has been awarded \$320,985.00 for Direct Program Costs in Fiscal Year "79." This program has been primarily involved in construction training and other education training programs in past years; however, in FY-79 it will be concerned with Agricultural developments on the Tribal Hanna and Dustin sites.

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## Commission Announces Hearing Dates

Dates for hearings concerning amendments to the Proposed Creek Constitution have been set.

Spencer Wilkinson, Coordinator for the Creek Constitution Commission announced the following times and places for the hearings: Dec. 14 -- Coweta High School, Coweta, OK. 7:30-9:30 p.m.; Dec. 16 -- Mutteloke Church, Bristow, OK. 10:00 a.m.-12:00; Dec. 21 -- Creek Nation Complex, Okmulgee, OK. 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.; Jan. 5 --

Eufaula High School Cafeteria, Eufaula 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.; Jan. 13 -- Indian Center, 204 W. 6th, Weleetka, OK. 10:00 a.m.-12:00; Jan. 15 -- Holdenville High School Cafeteria, Holdenville 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.; Jan. 20 -- Indian Center, 121 N. Canadian, Wetumka, OK. 10:00 a.m.-12:00.

For more information concerning the Creek Constitution Commission you may contact Spencer Wilkinson, P.O. Box 1340, Okmulgee, or phone 918-456-7408.



# Indian Child Welfare Act Passes

On the final day of the 95th Congress (October) last month, Rep. Morris Udall (D-Ariz.) rose to the floor of the House to urge passage of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978. Citing the Indian welfare situation which has reached crisis proportions, Udall asked, "... because of the trust responsibility owed to the Indian tribes by the United States to protect their resources and future, we have an obligation to act to remedy this serious problem. What resource is more critical to an Indian tribe than its children? What is more vital to the tribe's future than its children?"

The measure was adopted virtually unopposed.

As of today over four years of effort by congressional supporters and an untold number of concerned private citizens met with success as upon the signature of President Jimmy Carter the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 became the law of the land.

In the past, Indian families have often been victim to the inability or unwillingness of state officials to understand their cultural and social norms. The new law, which is geared toward strengthening and preventing the breakup of Indian families, makes it clear that jurisdiction over child welfare matters will rest with the tribes.

Title I of the law clarifies the allocation of jurisdiction over Indian child custody proceedings between Indian tribes and the states. More importantly, it establishes minimum federal standards and procedural safeguards to protect Indian families when faced with child custody proceedings against them in state agencies or courts.

Among these, the standards for notification of a custody hearing for a child not domiciled or residing on a reservation have been tightened up. And upon the request of either the child's parent(s) or tribe, in absence of "good cause to the contrary," the state court must return such a proceeding to jurisdiction of the tribe.

In any state court proceeding for the foster care placement of, or termination of parental rights to an Indian child, the child's tribe or Indian custodian has a right to intervene at any point in the proceedings.

Parents are also entitled to legal counsel.

The law also provides that strict placement preference for foster or adoptive placement be given to the child's extended family and then to another Indian home.

Reiterating an already existing (though sometimes overlooked) authority of tribal courts, under the law, an Indian tribe shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any child custody proceeding involving an Indian child residing or domiciled within its reservation, except where such jurisdiction is otherwise vested in the state by existing federal law.

Even in '280' states tribes will now have a chance to control their own child placements. A tribe in such a state wishing to reassume child placement jurisdiction must submit a plan to the Secretary of Interior. If it is determined that the tribe has a suitable mechanism for exercising jurisdiction the state must return it.

And the standards to be applied in foster or adoptive placements are to be those social and cultural standards of the relevant Indian community.

Recognizing that while tribal jurisdiction is a vital aid, it alone cannot prevent the breakup of Indian families, Congress also authorized the Secretary to make grants to Indian tribes and organizations for establishing and operating family service programs and for preparing and implementing child welfare codes.

The money is to be made available under the Snyder Act and although none was appropriated this go-around, it is expected that the Bureau of Indian Affairs will include a request in its annual budget during the next congressional session.

It was also "the sense of Congress" that the absence of locally con-

venient day schools may contribute to the breakup of Indian families. Therefore, in an attempt to offer parents a choice to having their children attend boarding schools far from home, the law also directs the Secretary of Interior to prepare a plan to locate schools nearer Indian families. The report is to be presented to the Select Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate and the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs within two years.

Much work lies ahead for tribal courts and legal departments. Happily it will be work largely of their own making. Related to this are the

regulations for the law which the Secretary has been instructed to begin promulgating within six months. He is to consult with Indian tribes and organizations in their formulation and for anyone interested in getting involved prior to that time, Patti Marks of the Senate Select Committee staff is available to work with them. She may be contacted at: United States Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs, Rm. 5331 Dirksen Senate Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510; Phone (202) 224-0274.

Copies of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 May be obtained from Marks as well.

## National Indian News Cont.

### Film To Show Indian Values

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting has given a \$300,000 grant to Brigham Young University's Indian Education Department and KBYU-TV as initial funding for production of a \$1.2 million, 13-part television series on the cultural values of American Indians.

The series, titled "Wisdom of the First Americans," will examine the cultural values that have existed for generations among many of the American Indian tribes, said John Maestas, director of Multi-Cultural Education

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worked for thirty years as a teacher, principal, and education program administrator.

Gerard announced the appointment at the annual meeting of the Coalition of Indian Controlled School Boards in Denver. He was a luncheon speaker at the meeting.

Gerard said, "In education circles and particularly in Indian education, Mr. Barlow is recognized as an educator who knows what needs to be done and how to get it done." Gerard noted that Barlow's experience included highly successful work with diverse tribal groups at the state level of planning programs and said that this kind of ability was "urgently needed at the national level."

at BYU. He and Bruce L. Christensen, general manager of KBYU-TV, announced the CPB grant. The project will be under their joint direction.

The CPB funding is the first grant of such magnitude ever awarded to a public broadcasting station in the Rocky Mountain area for a local television production, Mr. Christensen said.

"Wisdom of the First Americans" will focus on different types of Indians as well as on many of the different tribes. One segment will show the "Urban Indian" in contrast to Indians living on reservations across the country, Mr. Maestas noted. Tribes to be treated separately include Hopi, Iroquois, Seminole, Navajo and Havasupai, he said.

Mistakenly described as "savages" throughout American literature, the Indians of North America were actually quite civilized long before they came in contact with the white man. One episode in the series will tell the stories of "Five Civilized Tribes" -- the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Creek, Cherokee and Seminole -- that were dispossessed of their precious lands in the southern states. They were forced to leave behind their homes, the roads they laid, the mills they built, and the schools where their children were educated.

Another segment of the series will examine the mystical role and significance of the medicine man. He was vital to the social structure of each tribe

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idea, were the efforts of the Title VI Feasibility Study Group wasted? Not according to its chairman, NIHB Executive Director John Belindo. "We knew from the start that for Congress to even consider the school would require a complete reversal of Congressional and Departmental thinking," he says. But he adds, "All of the data, input from the tribal community and Indian medical students proved very valuable in assessing options for establishing an Indian medical school, and we would hope that the group's efforts will lay the groundwork in future advocacy of an AISOM."

Meanwhile, efforts to establish a proposed American Indian School of Medicine on the Navajo reservation continue. With spirites only slightly dampened, Dr. Taylor McKenzie, president of the proposed school which has been in the planning stages for several years, says, "In general terms, I don't think the Secretary's action will stop our efforts to start the school."

The biggest obstacle to establishment of the AISOM on the Navajo reservation, according to McKenzie, has been the lack of long-term federal funding. "There is no question but that the

Secretary's decision has hurt our chances," he admits.

But with determination to keep going, he adds, "It's going to make our job just that much more difficult."

Dr. McKenzie says his group doesn't have a strategy yet but will devise one as soon as they have a better chance to review the feasibility study as finally submitted to Congress by the Secretary.

He is skeptical of the measures suggested in Califano's letter. For he claims, as proven by both P.L. 94-437 and 93-638 in the past, "when Congress makes a mandate the bureaucracy doesn't necessarily carry it out."

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family possess. To date the Haynes family has paid \$611 of a \$1500 to \$2500 attorney fee. No person should be denied a fair trial because of a financial matter. For this purpose, a John Haynes Legal Defense Fund has been initiated at Creek Nation in order to assist the Haynes family with the burden of an expensive attorney fee. If you would care to donate to the defense effort of John Haynes please send your contribution to the fund care of Creek Nation, Box 1114, Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Any assistance would be deeply appreciated.

## Security Continues

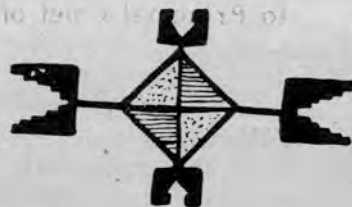
BY ESTER JONES

As of August 31, 1978 our security force was reduced from a personnel of 66 to 18. Security as of now has five supervisors which are: Duke Harjo, Richard Whitlow, John Fixico, Jim B. Harjo, and Stan Wells, Head Supervisor.

The Security Officers are: Andrew Tecumseh, Solomon Fields, Jesse Givens, Norman Harjo, Bruce Smith, Gladys Landsbury, Amos Emerson, Big Cloud Lewis, Ricky Grimes, Abraham Bunny, Banson Hicks and Ester Jones.

Our Security Personnel are stationed at Creek Nation Complex and surrounding buildings, Oakdale School, Indian Action Program, and Aztec Building.

The Security Personnel have two shifts one during the day and one at night. They patrol these areas 24 hours a day. The Creek Nation has the best qualified Security Personnel. Our office is located in the single trailer house and our phone number is 756-7855.



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and was either chief or ranked next to the chief because of his knowledge, power and wisdom.

The idea for the television project was first put forth four years ago by John Apgar, who was then a producer at KBYU. He contacted Maestas, then director of Indian Education at BYU, and together they developed the idea further and determined the program's content, Mr. Christensen said.

Additional funding is now being sought by both departments so that the project may be carried through to completion. Production personnel and an estimated date of completion are yet to be announced.

## Educational Training Center Studied

Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Forrest J. Gerard announced today the detail of Phoenix Area Director John Artichoker to manage the training and personnel assistance project which will determine the feasibility of establishing a national training center for Indian tribes and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Gerard said

Artichoker's educational background and professional experience make him eminently qualified to carry out the Congressionally mandated study.

An acting area director will be named for the Phoenix area shortly, Gerard said. Artichoker's detail was effective December 1, 1978, and the study will begin in Phoenix.



## Creek Opens Business In Tulsa

With the growing concern for hair styles for both men and women the business of hair styling is rapidly growing. The profession once known as barbering has now branched out into areas known as hair styling or designing.

Don Tiger, a Creek Indian born and raised in Tulsa, saw the money his brother was making in the area of hairstyling so he thought he would give it a try.

After getting his barbers license at Tulsa Barber College and then receiving hairstyle training under Bill Reed, a well-known hair stylist, Don opened a shop in Tulsa just a little more than a month ago.

Preferring to be called a cutter or designer, Don is capable of cutting any hairstyle from a crewcut

to a personalized design cut. Since Don is so versatile in his abilities many times his customers come from the same family. With more men now styling their hair Don has about the same number of men customers as women customers.

Don plans to do a hairstyling demonstration for the Tulsa Indian Youth Council in the future and would consider doing one at the Creek Nation Complex if possible.

Although Don gets very few Indian customers he welcomes them to his shop which is located at 4122 S. Peopria on the upper floor of the Odyssey Mall. The shop is open from noon until nine in the evening, Monday thru Saturday. For more information call 913-749-9567.



John Bigpond, manager of Adult Ed., thinks about next move. John won open checker tourney sponsored by CN employees.



# IAP

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Some of the projects which have been scheduled for this year include: 1) Corrals and Livestock working facilities, 2) Machine and Storage facilities, 3) Pasture Renovations, and 4) Fence Constructions.

The program has just recently completed the two-story office building which will serve as an administrative office

building. This was a tribal project which was put up with all Indian labor, and at virtually no costs to the tribe.

Presently there are eight (8) persons employed as trainees. The program will employ 15 persons by January. Applications are now being taken for the trainee positions. Interested persons should contact Jackie Reddick or Bobby McAfee at (918) 756-5225 or come by the IAP Office and Shop Building located at the corner of Eufaula and Miami. All applications should be made by January, 1979.



## Indian

### "Grantmanship"

The October 22 issue of THE DAILY OKLAHOMAN devoted a full page to articles telling about the increasing use of "grantmanship" by Indian tribes to get money from the United States.

The tribal governments, one article said, "are of necessity becoming expert in creative grantmanship, the art of obtaining huge chunks of cash from Uncle Sam."

Another article, dealing with the Kiowas, noted that the tribal offices are soon to be moved into a new tribal community center built with \$750,000 from the Economic Development

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Castle--Leathercraft For further information, you may contact the Oakdale Tribal Offices at 756-8800 and ask for Larry Soweka or Thomasine Long.



Adult Education teachers aid, Betty Woodfield (left) talks to a science class about Indians. This is an information service of the Creek Nation Division of Human Development.

# Cherokees Tackle Dropout Problem

Attacking an overwhelming dropout problem among Indian students, while lending a helping hand to young people who wish to add to their education or learn a job skill is the primary aim of the new Talking Leaves Job Corps Center at Tahlequah, according to Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, Ross O. Swimmer.

The Cherokee Nation was recently awarded a contract for the establishment of the Job Corps Center at Tahlequah by the Department of Labor. The Talking Leaves, located on the campus of Northeastern Oklahoma State University at Tahlequah, derives its name from the Cherokee Syllabary created by Sequoyah. It is one of only three Indian emphasis Job Corps Centers in the United States.

Citing many causes of high dropout rates among Indian students -- language barriers, cultural differences, poverty in general and joblessness -- Swimmer believes the Talking Leaves Center will help alleviate at least some of those problems.

"This new Center will have a significant impact on the student dropout problem," Swimmer said of the new school. "It is the Indian way of attacking the dropout problem we have. Adair County in eastern Oklahoma, for instance, is designated as the

highest Indian dropout county in the U.S. and similar problems exist throughout Oklahoma and other states," he added.

Tom McConnell, center director, says the school will be able to help up to 500 young persons a year, 250 at a time. "It will be a seven-day-a-week, 24-hour-a-day program," McConnell said.

The co-educational Center will be open to students between the ages of 16 and 21 who seek additional education or vocational training in order to enter college, the armed forces or the labor market, McConnell said.

Following successful completion of the Center's curriculum, graduates will be eligible to receive the General Equivalency Degree (GED) and will be assisted by Center officials in securing permanent employment. Department of Labor representatives say the Job Corps Program boasts a 98 percent success record in finding employment for graduates.

Swimmer said the idea for the establishment of the Center began earlier this year when he met with other Five Civilized Tribes leaders and a DOL representative.

Talking Leaves will offer basic education courses geared to the individual student, such as reading at all levels. Math, health education

and vocational courses -- construction trades, auto mechanics, health occupations, horticulture, welding and food service -- will round out the Center's curriculum.

Once a student has participated in the Job Corps for 90 days, and is able to qualify for admission to the college of his choice, the program will pay all expenses, including room and board, books and tuition, and a living allowance.

McConnell says that the Center has a "target population" -- those young people not well-served by public schools -- but he adds it is not a "place for dropouts who do not want to learn a skill."

The Center's director says, "We are not interested in having a student who just wants to lie around for two years. We will meet all the basic requirements, but we want to get them trained and out on the job market."

Chris White, recruitment coordinator, and a team of recruiters working out of the Cherokee Nation's Personnel Department, are currently visiting communities throughout Oklahoma and meeting prospective Talking Leaves students. White said inquiries about the Center should be directed to the Cherokee National Personnel Department at P.O. Box 948, Tahlequah, OK 74464, (918) 456-6197.

## Head Start

Virgin Islands, and the Pacific Trust Territories.

Additional funds were awarded to some of the existing Head Start programs in order to expand services to unserved target areas. A competitive grant process was used to select approximately 60 new grantees in communities that have not been served by Head Start in the past. Of the new grantees, eleven serve migrant children and twenty-four provide services for Indian children. The grant awards were completed by September 30, 1978.

The Oklahoma Head Start grantees are Creek Nation, Comanche Business Council, Kiowa Business Council, Choctaw Nation, Cherokee Nation, Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribe, Osage Tribal Council, Chickasaw Nation, Seminole Nation, and Citizens Band of Potawatomi Indians.

This expansion makes it possible to provide Head Start services to children in 75 counties that have not been served prior to this year, and brings the total enrolment to approximately 400,000 children.



## SPORTS



## Jack Jacobs To Be Inducted Into Hall Of Fame

Jack Jacobs, a Creek Indian born south of Holdenville, will be inducted into the Oklahoma Athletic Hall of Fame Jan. 16, at the Camelot Inn in Tulsa along with 9 other athletic standouts.

Although born near Holdenville Jack began his career at Muskogee Central High School where he made Oklahoma's first All-State High School team in 1931 along with being named the "Outstanding Player" and leading his North team to a 20-0 win over the South.

Football was where Jack really excelled but one only had to see him in action to realize he was a great athlete in any sport. He was compared to the great Jim Thorpe and was often called "The Greatest Indian football player since Thrope."

After Jack graduated from Muskogee High he was offered scholarships from colleges and Universities throughout the country. Because of his mother's illness at the time Jack decided to attend Oklahoma University.

In the very first play of his college career Jack ran the kickoff back 65 yards. During his stay at O.U., he started at quarterback for three years and punted for a 47.8 yard average. That average was the best ever

by a Sooner and at the time best in the Nation.

After being drafted into the pros and playing seven games with the old Cleveland Rams of the NFL, Jack led the league in punting.

Jack was later drafted into the Air Force where he played with the Fourth Air Force Flyers, again matching the football skills he had shown at O.U.

After Jacobs finished his military duty he went back to the pros with the Washington Redskins playing behind "All Pro" Sammy Baugh for one season. Jack then played three seasons with the Green Bay Packers before going to the Canadian League where he launched a new era of football at Winnipeg, rewriting the record books for quarterbacks.

In 1955, Winnipeg fans honored Jack for giving them five wonderful years of exciting football and had a Jack Jacobs Day for this purpose. During halftime ceremonies of the Winnipeg-Edmonton game, he was presented a check for \$4,000.00 and gifts of all kinds. On the same night a huge picture of Jack was presented to the General Manager of Winnipeg Stadium to be hung there in honor of Jack. When the Winnipeg stadium was built it was

often referred to as "The stadium Jack built."

After five record-breaking years with the Canadian League Jack went on to coach various teams in the league for the next several years.

After retiring from football Jack moved to Greenboro, N.C. where he served as a pro football scout for the Minnesota Vikings for 5 years until he was forced to quit due to illness.

Before his death in January, 1974 Jack was inducted into the Canadian Football League Hall of Fame in 1973 and was later on Dec. 3, 1977 inducted in the Indian Athletic Hall of Fame at Haskell Indian Junior College in Lawrence, Kansas.

Surviving Jack are his son Jay, and four daughters: Terry, Jacqueline, Patty and Linda. Also by five sisters: Mrs. James (Irene) Cleghorn of Tulsa, Mrs. Elizabeth Wright of Muskogee, Ella Jacobs of Muskogee, Mrs. Newman (Becky) Lena of Holdenville and Mrs. Anna King of Panama.

(Thanks go to Mrs. Becky Lena and The Tulsa Indian News for information regarding the article.)

## Volleyball Season Ends

The Okmulgee Volleyball associations fall league ended in a fantastic finish as the Sooners and the IAP Skins ended up in first place consecutively in the league and tournament of the 1978 season.

The Sooners of the women's 'A' division, swept through the entire league and tournament undefeated with a record of 12 wins and 0 losses for the league, and 3 wins and 0 losses in the tournament.

The Sooners have achieved an outstanding record and a highly regarded reputation by taking top honors in the volleyball league for the past three seasons. In spite of the rigid competition, the Sooners have only lost a total of 2 games in 2 years. The members of the Champion team are: Hanna Beaver, Minnie Wolf, Thomasine Long, Karen Long, Sidney Long, Carolyn McGlorie, Pat Booker, Vickie Alford, and Deborah Thompson.

In the women's 'B' division, the Desperados were another team that finished the Creek Nation well.

The members of the Desperados are: Barbara Fox, Romona Roberts, Liz Deere, Janeal Beougher, Eunice King, Kay Willie, Margie Bunner, and Gloria Pocowatchit.

As for the IAP SKINS, the going was tough at the last portion of the season.

But the Skins managed to hold on to the number 1 position with a record of 15 wins and 1 loss for the league. In the double elimination league tournament, the Skins suddenly found themselves in the losers bracket after the second round. But they were not to be stopped. The Skins played their way back to take the Championship.

Playing together for two seasons, the IAP Skins have taken top honors in 2 leagues and 1 league tournament. The members are: Rocky Lee, Famous Marshall, Bob Long, Hillis Manley, A. J. Tiger, Dean Thompson, and Rick Wolfe.

Grant From P. 11 Administration, that the tribe's CETA program involved 235 people and that "other than \$74,000 in tribal funds the entire Kowa financial structure is based on Federal grants."

Dennis Belindo, tribal treasurer, said the tribe was administering \$3 million received as grants from the government. He said, "It's like getting a new Cadillac. You've got to learn to drive it, to keep it tuned up."

Another article tells about more than \$1 million granted to the smaller Caddo tribe, which spends \$300 a month on long distance phone calls following their applications through the jungle of bureaucracy."

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